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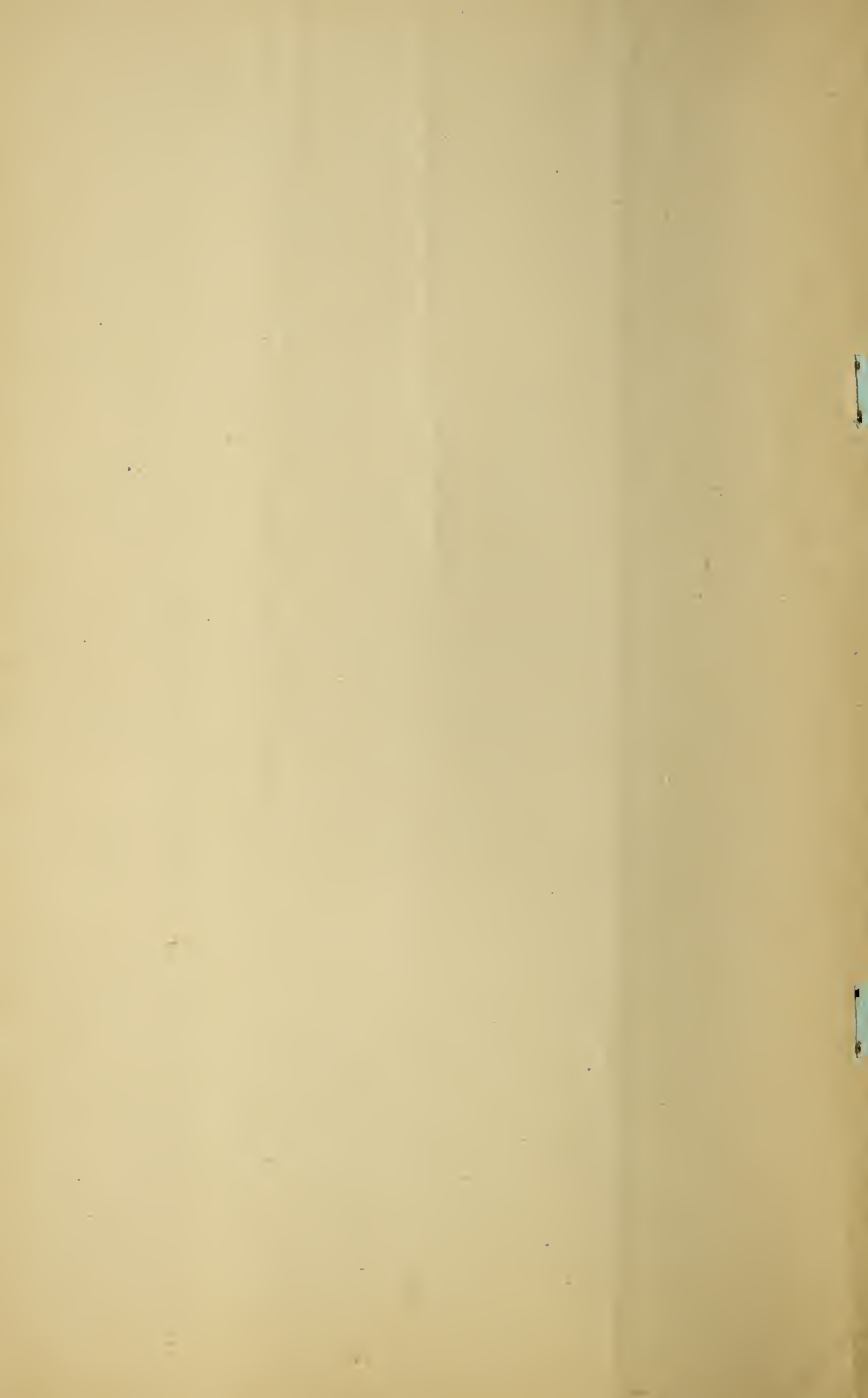
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STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to our churches great care in disciplining and excluding members, and we advise our churches to receive disaffected or excluded members from their sister churches to their fellowship with much discretion, and that this resolution be placed on our minutes statedly.

RESOLVED, That a "Committee on Credentials," consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the Moderator, immediately after the introductory sermon. As soon as the letters from the churches have been read the committee shall at once examine and report the names of the messengers who are entitled to seats as members of said current Association.

RESOLVED, That at future sessions of Salem Association, immediately after permanent organization, a committee of three brethren shall be appointed, whose business it shall be to nominate the various committees of the regular order of business, and hereafter to stand in the regular list of committees.

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SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION.



ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be known as the "SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," of Illinois, and shall be composed of delegates only who shall be members or pastors of the churches belonging to this body, which they represent, except such brethren as shall be invited to seats by consent of the body.

ART. II.—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty members.

ART. III.—The object of this Association shall be to promote union and harmony among the churches, and to devise and recommend such measures as are thought best calculated to advance the Redeemer's kingdom in the bounds of this Association, and throughout the world.

ART. IV.—The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. V.—The Moderator shall preside, and lead in the transactions of the body, and see that order and decorum are observed.

ART. VI.—The Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of the business transactions during the session, and shall take charge of the records and papers of the body, and shall conduct the correspondence.

ART. VII.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same, and the purposes for which they are designed, pay them out according to the order of the Association, and report the state of the treasury before the close of each session.

ART. VIII.—The Officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall continue in office until the enrollment of members at the succeeding session of the body.

ART. IX.—It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their letters and delegates to the Association, an account of the state of their respective churches; particularly of the additions and diminutions within the year, and generally whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion, and money to pay for printing the minutes.

ART. X.—Churches that wish to be received into the Union may apply by letter and delegates, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in faith and correct in practice, may be received, and as a token of the same the Moderator shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ART. XI.—As an associated body, we utterly disclaim all or any power over the churches in respect to their independence or discipline; yet the Association, when it has reason to believe that any church connected with this body has become unsound in faith or disorderly in practice, shall use suitable means to restore such, and failing of success, shall drop it from the minutes.

ART. XII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations, and any religious body it may think proper.

ART. XIII.—This Association shall meet annually at 10 o'clock A. M. on Friday before the third Lord's Day in September, at such place as shall be previously determined upon, when a sermon shall be preached by such brother as the body shall have appointed, and motion for final adjournment shall not be entertained till the close of the exercises Lord's Day evening.

ART. XIV.—Any church failing to represent itself by letter or otherwise for two consecutive years, shall be stricken from the minutes unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. XV.—This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the body, by

concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. XVI.—This Association shall appoint annually a Missionary Committee of five, whose duty it shall be to aid weak and destitute churches in securing preaching, to form plans for the occupation of destitute fields, to recommend the appointment of missionaries by the Board of the Baptist General Association of Illinois to labor within the bounds of this Association, to superintend this work, and to assist in securing collections from each of our churches for their support. This committee shall present annually a written report to the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I.—Preaching of Introductory Sermon.
- II.—Reading of Letters.
- III.—Election of Officers.
- IV.—Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) Committee on Religious Exercises.
 - (b) Committee on State of Religion within bounds of the Association.
 - (c) Committee on New Churches.
 - (d) Committee on Next Association.
 - (e) Committee on Institutes.
 - (f) Committee on Obituaries.
 - (g) Committee on Resolutions.
 - (h) Missionary Committee.
 - (i) Committee on Temperance.
 - (j) Committee on Missions.
 - (k) Committee on Credentials.
 - (l) Committee on Nominations.
- V.—Unfinished business of previous year.
- VI.—Reports of Committees.
- VII.—New business.
- VIII.—Closing exercises by the Moderator.

RULES OF ORDER.

- I.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.
- II.—No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
- III.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.
- IV.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same motion, without leave of the Association.
- V.—Every question of debate shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
- VI.—Ministers and visiting brethren, entitled to seats, may speak on any subject, but vote on none.
- VII.—Motions lost shall not be recorded in the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
- VIII.—If any proposition or motion under consideration contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each separately.
- IX.—Arrangements for the next session of the Association shall not be made on the first day of the session.
- X.—On opening of business the second day, the roll of delegates sent by the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived, stricken from the list; only the names of the ministers shall be inserted, with the mark of absence.
- XI.—The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.
- XII.—The Moderator may speak on any question, provided he calls some member to fill the chair.
- XIII.—Any member about to speak shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.
- XIV.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization.

MINUTES.

The Salem Baptist Association met in its Fifty-Fifth Annual Session with the Baptist Church at Roseville, Ill., Friday, Sept. 14, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk. Hymn number 453 was sung: "Tell me the Old, Old Story." Rev. J. F. Foley read the Scriptures. Rev. J. T. Malcom offered prayer. "O for a closer walk with God," was sung. Rev. J. M. Titterington then preached the Annual Sermon from Isaiah 54: 2. "Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." The theme was, "Principles of Church Growth," and was well illustrated under the following heads: (1) A Godly Membership, (2) Members must be Interested Workers, (3) Some Practical Suggestions: (a) Loyalty to Christ and His Word, (b) Consider carefully your Pastor's advice, (c) Every Church has a FINANCIAL Phase to its life, (d) The SOCIAL Phase. "My soul be on thy Guard," was sung.

The following Committees were appointed.

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Rev. J. M. Titterington, Rev. H. H. Depperman, Bro. D. Parks.

ON CREDENTIALS.—Rev. J. O. Metcalf, Bros. J. Duke, and John Logan.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Rev. B. V. Ingram, Rev. J. T. Malcom, Bro. W. H. Greene.

The Roseville letter was read. The letter recorded the death by accident of Bro. Coghill, a young member of the church who had been studying at Shurtleff College to prepare himself for the foreign field. Rev. J. O. Metcalf was called upon to offer prayer. Letters from the churches were read until Bushnell letter was included. Rev. J. B. Weber was appointed to assist the Clerk.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported: That there be a devotional meeting for one-half hour beginning at 2 P. M., to be led by Rev. B. V. Ingram. Adopted. Adjourned with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M. After devotional meeting led by Rev. H. H. Depperman, Association proceeded with business. Rev. J. F. Foley was added to Com-

mittee on Nominations. Reading of letters was resumed. Hymn No. 700 was sung, "Work, for the night is coming."

Report of Committee on Credentials, in part, was given. Letters from Mount Pleasant Church was read. The election of Officers was next in order. Rev. A. R. Newton was chosen Moderator; Geo. E. Eldredge, Clerk; Jacques Voorhees, Treasurer. "Blow ye the trumpet, blow," was sung. On motion visiting brethren were invited to a seat in the Association, and requested to hand their names to the Clerk. The following visitors were enrolled: Rev. J. F. Colwell, St. Louis, Mo., representing THE AMERICAN BAPTIST; Rev. E. S. Graham, Springfield, Ill., Financial Sec., Shurtleff College; Rev. H. C. First, Upper Alton, Ill., Superintendent of State Missions; Rev. Thos. J. Musgrove, Burlington, Iowa., representing Burlington Baptist Institute.

Committee on Nominations reported. Report adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

- ON STATE OF RELIGION:—H. H. Depperman, Dea. Snyder, J. A. Smith.
 - ON NEW CHURCHES:—Joseph Blount, John Logan, James Duke.
 - ON NEXT ASSOCIATION:—J. M. Titterington, Nathaniel Grigsby, Jos. Sullivan.
 - ON INSTITUTES:—V. B. Ingram, J. B. Weber, A. R. Newton.
 - ON OBITUARIES:—J. O. Metcalf, John Logan, W. H. Greene.
 - ON RESOLUTIONS:—J. T. Malcom, H. H. Depperman, Joseph Logan.
 - MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:—J. F. Foley, John Steward, W. H. Greene, Nathaniel Grigsby, J. B. Weber.
 - ON TEMPERANCE:—Miss Mary Foley, Mrs. H. W. Greene, Mrs. Ida Garnett, Mrs. L. G. Kelley.
 - ON MISSIONS:—J. B. Weber, J. M. Titterington, Daniel Parks.
- V. B. INGRAM, J. T. MALCOM, W. H. GREENE, J. F. FOLEY, Committee.

Rev. J. F. Colwell, who represented THE AMERICAN BAPTIST, was invited to make a few remarks and happily responded.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:—7:15 devotional exercises one-half hour led by Bro. Malcom. 7:45 that we hear Sister Garnett's report of Mount Carroll Seminary; after this a sermon by Bro. Ingram. Adopted. Adjourned after prayer by Moderator.

•EVENING SESSION.†

7:15 P. M. The devotional meeting was led by Rev. Malcom. Mrs. J. E. Garnett then addressed the Association in the interests of the Ladies' Society of Mount Carroll Female Seminary. The address was very interesting and gave information new to many. Bro. Newton followed speaking upon the same theme. Other remarks being called for Brethren Foley, Depperman, Colwell, Graham, and Titterington respond-

ed. The choir sung a hymn, after which Rev. Ingram, preached from Isa. 6: 8. "Here am I; send me." It was a stirring, practical discourse. Rev. Colwell offered prayer. Committee on Religious Exercises reported, That we meet at 8:30 in the morning. Rev. Weber to lead the devotional meeting. Adjourned.

ASATURDAY MORNING

After a profitable prayer service of one-half hour, the Association resumed business. Bro. Duke offered prayer.

After the roll-call of Delegates, the report of Committee on Credentials remained as follows:—

ROSEVILLE:—Rev. J. M. Titterington, E. Mitchell, J. W. Coghill, Lewis F. Byerly.

ASTORIA:—Rev. S. A. Douglass, Miss Minnie Oviatt.

BASCO:—Wm. R. Hendricks.

BETHEL:—Rev. V. B. Ingram, Zera Strader, J. Sullivan, Lizzie Strader.

BLANDINSVILLE:—Rev. H. H. Depperman, S. J. Grigsby, N. Grigsby, J. Seybold, Geo. Claybaugh, Artie Bond.

BUSHNELL:—Wm. H. Greene, Mrs. Greene, E. Seibert, Sadie Reipon.

CARTHAGE:—Rev. A. R. Newton, Mrs. L. G. Kelley.

HICKORY GROVE:—A. Brown, Wm. C. Smith, Ella Smith, Sarah Tartar.

HILLSBOROUGH:—H. H. Depperman, Solomon Grate, Lizzie Grate, Mary Links.

LEE:—David Luper, Mrs. Luper.

LITTLETON:—Rev. J. F. Foley, Joseph Logan, Wm. F. Snyder, Mary Foley, Alberta Elliott, Nettie Ritchie.

MACOMB:—Rev. J. B. Weber, Rev. J. O. Metcalf, J. W. Blount, Walter M. Winslow, Adda Ross, Lyda Winslow.

MOUNT PLEASANT:—Rev. John W. Mc Mahill, J. Cunningham, P. B. Jones.

OQUAWKA:—Dea. F. Sloan, Mrs. M. Brock.

PLYMOUTH:—Rev. A. Hanna, D. Parks, E. Jarvis, T. Talbott.

RARITAN:—Rev. G. E. Eldredge, Jacques Voorhees, Mrs. Voorhees.

ROZETTA:—Rev. Samuel Pickard, J. Duke, Mrs. M. E. Duke, Annie Smith, J. J. Greene.

SCIOTA:—John Logan, Mrs. Logan, J. A. Smith.

SAINT MARYS:—S. M. Walton, Mrs. Walton, Myrtle Botts, Mamie Garnett, Mrs. J. E. Garnett.

TENNESSEE:—Rev. J. T. Malcom.

UNION:—I. M. Capps, M. B. Ray, A. Rodgers, Wm. Parrish.

WILSON CREEK:—F. M. Elliott.

YOUNGSTOWN:—Dea. A. Vandever, Geo. W. Beckner, Deborah Beckner.

J. O. METCALF, JAMES DUKE, JOHN LOGAN, Committee.

Letters from Astoria, Hickory Grove, Lee, Mount Pleasant, and Wilson Creek churches were read. The Moderator made some very feeling remarks in regard to the death of Rev. S. Neff, late pastor of Hickory Grove church, and then called upon Bro. Metcalf to offer prayer.

The Moderator reported that he had completed the work of writing the History of Salem Association to the year 1887 inclusive, with the exception of the year 1881. He had no copy of the minutes for that

year. On motion the Moderator was instructed to deliver to the Clerk the History of Salem Association, that he might keep up the History year by year; and the Clerk was instructed to hand over the same to his successor in office.

Youngstown letter was read.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

The report of Committee on SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES for the past year was as follows: At the last session of this body the S. S. Committee was instructed to arrange for three Institutes, besides the Convention in connection with the Association. Places designated were Roseville, Tennessee and Carthage. An Institute was held in Roseville in October; one was held in April at Bushnell, (place changed by the Com. from Tennessee to Bushnell), and the one appointed at Carthage was omitted.

A. R. NEWTON, J. F. FOLEY, A. HANNA, Committee.

The report was adopted.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The MISSIONARY COMMITTEE reported. The report was discussed by Brethren Colwell, First, Graham and Foley; after which it was adopted.

Your Committee, after a careful consideration of means and measures for the work, were unanimous in their decision that it was desirable to induce as many as possible of the feeble churches to unite two or more as a mission field, and that pastors be secured, as far as possible, to take charge of such churches.

All due diligence was used by the Committee, through correspondence and inquiry, and no man could be found. Hence nothing has been done.

J. M. TITTERINGTON, A. R. NEWTON, S. J. GRIGSBY, Committee.

NEW CHURCHES.

COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES reported, That no new churches had made application for admission. JOSEPH BLOUNT, Chairman.

STATE OF RELIGION.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION within bounds of the Association reported. After stirring words by Brethren Newton, and Pickard, deprecating the spiritual condition of our Association, and prayer by Bro. Pickard, the report was adopted.

Your Committee on the State of Religion within the bounds of the

Association respectfully report the following: Through the information we gain from the letters sent to the Association, we find that there is cause both for rejoicing and for mourning. There is cause to rejoice because God has visited some churches with His saving grace. The letters report forty baptisms during the year. And surely if the pure and holy ones around the throne of light rejoice over ONE redeemed soul, we of the Salem Association ought to rejoice over forty. Littleton and Astoria churches have been especially favored with God's saving presence. The former church reports eleven baptisms, the latter eight. But there is also cause for humiliation and mourning, when we know that of the thirty churches composing this Association, but forty baptisms are given. There certainly is great spiritual dearth, and lack of zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. There must be a cause for this state of affairs. It is true there is lack of ministers among us, but this cannot be the whole cause of the indifference for the interest and cause of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

We therefore recommend that each member of the different churches of this Association go to God in earnest and sincere prayer, and ask the Lord, "What wilt thou have ME to do?" and that every member will fervently pray for a refreshing time from the presence of the Lord. We further recommend that a day for humiliation and prayer, be designated and set apart, when all the churches will meet in their respective places the of worship, ask God's forgiveness for indifference of the past, and ask grace for renewed consecration to His service in the future.

H. H. DEPPERMAN, W. F. SNYDER, Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on TEMPERANCE reported. The report was discussed by Brethren Pickard, Newton and Eldredge, after which it was adopted.

WHEREAS, We greatly rejoice that the signs of the times indicate a broadening and deepening of interest in temperance work, and that the evils which threaten the state, the home and the individual from the liquor traffic, have been throttled with the promise of certain victory. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we as Christians record our continued hostility to the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that the importance of carefully instructing our children and youth in scientific temperance be urged upon both parents and teachers.

RESOLVED, That we regard the use of tobacco and all narcotics as pernicious and detrimental to physical and moral well-being, and that we raise our voice against it.

MARY FOLEY, Mrs. J. E. GARNETT, }
Mrs. H. W. GREENE, Mrs. L.G. KELLEY, } Committee.

NEXT SESSION.

Committee on NEXT SESSION reported in part; report referred back to

Com. for completion.

Committee subsequently presented their final report recommending, That the next Association meet with the Plymouth church, and that Bro. J. B. Weber preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. J. T. Malcom be alternate. Report adopted.

J. M. TITTERINGTON, N. GRIGSBY, J. SULLIVAN, Committee.

OBITUARIES.

Committee on OBITUARIES reported. Report adopted after prayer by Rev. A. Hanna.

ASTORIA, 2 deaths. UNION, 1 death, no particulars. ST. MARYS, 2 deaths, great loss. SCIOTA, 1 death, Mrs. E. Wallingford. ROZETTA, 1 death, age 30. CARTHAGE, 1 death, age 26. HILLSBOROUGH, 3 deaths, no particulars. BLANDINSVILLE, 1 death, no particulars. BASCO, 1 death, Sarah Simmons. LITTLETON, 2 deaths, Mary Snyder, aged 54, and Louella Wright, aged 30. OQUAWKA, 1 death, Mary E. Eames, aged 77, died in triumph. PLYMOUTH, 2 deaths, aged 80 and 81 years. RARITAN, 1 death, Deacon Voorhees, age 53 years and 6 months. YOUNGSTOWN, 1 death, no particulars. MT. PLEASANT, (Warren county), Deacon William P. Jones. ROSEVILLE, 3 deaths. Total deaths, 24.

"One by one we cross the river,
One by one are ferried o'er;
One by one the crowns are given
On the bright celestial shore."

J. O. METCALF, WM. GREEN, J. LOGAN, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Committee on resolutions reported. Report adopted after remarks by Bros. Metcalf and Graham.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the patronage of the members of our churches "The Standard" and "The American Baptist." And we further recommend the use of Baptist literature in our Sunday Schools and families.

WHEREAS, Shurtleff College, our Baptist Institution for the State of Illinois, now provides for the education of our sons and daughters, having courses of study covering a period of ten years, and furnishing an extended training for students of both sexes, and a theological education for students anticipating the ministry. Therefore

RESOLVED, That we commend Shurtleff College to the patronage and pecuniary support of all Baptists. And we urge the churches to take annual collections for the "Illinois Baptist Education Society" whose object is to aid young men studying for the ministry in Shurtleff College.

RESOLVED, That we recommend that the members of our churches give liberally to the support of THE BAPTIST MINISTERS' HOME at Fenton, Mich.

RESOLVED, That we tender to the Baptist church and citizens of Roseville, who have so hospitably entertained us, our heartfelt thanks, and we pray that our meeting with them may be productive of lasting good to them as a church and people.

J. T. MALCOM, H. H. DEPPERMAN, JOSEPH LOGAN, Committee.

On motion a vote of thanks was given to Bro. Newton, for the work he had done in gathering the Associational History.

Committee on Religious exercises reported as follows for the after-

noon: Devotional meeting one-half hour, to be led by Bro. Metcalf. After this a talk by Bro. Newton upon the interests of The Ministers' Home, at Fenton, Mich.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

2 o'clock. Rev. Metcalf led the prayer meeting. Upon the Association resuming business Rev. Titterington offered prayer. A vote of thanks was tendered the Clerk for his efforts in trying to secure a reduction in railroad fare, for delegates, the past year. He was asked to serve as Railroad Secretary the coming year, and request the Railroad Companies for like courtesies next year. A vote of thanks was tendered the Railroad Companies for courtesies already received.

INSTITUTES.

The report of COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTES, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND GENERAL, presented the following, which was adopted:

The Committee on Institutes would recommend that three Sunday School and General Institutes be held during the year, additional to the Convention that meets in connection with the Association. The first at Tennessee. That the time and place for holding the second and third of these Institutes, and time of the first, be left discretionary with the Committee.

J. B. WEBER, A. R. NEWTON, Committee.

The Moderator then gave an interesting address concerning THE MINISTERS' HOME at Fenton, Michigan. Bros. Pickard, Foley, Graham, Hanna and Colwell followed with remarks endorsing the work. A collection amounting to \$21.41 was taken for benefit of the HOME. \$5 additional from Joseph Sullivan of Bethel church, and \$5.50 from St. Marys church and Sunday School were handed in, and the churches have been given credit respectively.

Bro. Truman Eldredge presented a paper which he desired to read to the Association. On motion the matter was referred to a committee of three, appointed by the Moderator, to investigate and report to the Association. Bros. Pickard, S. J. Grigsby, and J. F. Foley were appointed such committee.

Rev. H. C. First, Superintendent of State Missions, spoke in the interest of the BAPTIST GENERAL ASSOCIATION. An appeal was made for aid in paying off the debt of \$8,000 on the General Association. Cash received \$12.16, pledges \$10. Total \$22.16.

The Committee appointed to consider the complaint of Bro. Eldredge presented the following report: We, your Committee, appointed to consider the complaint of Bro. Eldredge would recommend that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter, and report to the next Association.

REV. S. PICKARD, S. J. GRIGSBY, REV. J. F. FOLEY, Committee.

The report was adopted, and the same Committee was appointed to report to next Association.

MISSIONS.

Committee on Missions reported. Report adopted.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report: The gospel is intended for "the whole creation." Jesus laid upon his churches the obligation to "make disciples of all the nations." Hence no church can be obedient to Christ and refuse to make any effort to have "the bread of life" given the destitute and perishing. Are we doing what we can, what we ought to do, in this work? May we not rather ask, Are we doing what is a most glorious privilege for us to do in making disciples of the nations? Our efforts for the Foreign field ought to be greatly increased. And God is loudly calling upon American Baptists to do great and noble things in the foreign work.

The Home Mission work has to do with our own loved America. And through our own land the work is to effect greatly the interests of Christ's kingdom in the whole world. To evangelize America with its teeming thousands of foreign immigrants is to reach very far towards the world's evangelization. And the mission work in our own State of Illinois from its very nature, should deeply effect our hearts. It is a work right at our own doors, a noble work, a work that effects our own homes and loved ones so directly that we cannot afford to neglect its appeals. To this work should be freely given our support, our sympathies, our prayers, and our money.

Brethren, the opportunities before us for great and noble achievements in labor for Christ are rare, are grand, and perhaps have not been greater and grander in any previous age. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Respectfully submitted.

J. B. WEBER, J. M. TITTERINGTON, DAN'L PARKS, Committee.

On motion the minutes were read, corrected, and adopted.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to publish the minutes, as many as the money sent up by the churches would pay for, retaining \$10 for his services.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported a programme for this evening and Sunday, which was adopted.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

7:15. Prayer meeting led by Bro. Depperman.

7:45. Seven minutes talks on Home Missions were given by the following Brethren: Rev. J. F. Foley, Rev. Geo. Peebles, pastor of Congregational church Roseville, Rev. T. J. Musgrove, and Rev E. S. Graham. These brief addresses were full of facts, worthy of the prayerful consideration of every American Christian.

An auxiliary society of the Womens Baptist Educational Society of the Northwest was organized with Mrs. W. H. Greene, of Bushnell, as President, Miss Adda Ross, of Macomb, Recording Secretary, Miss Fannie Bristol, of Blandinsville, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. C. E. Van Pelt, of Good Hope, Treasurer. After a song by the choir, Rev. A. R. Newton preached an able sermon from Colossians 1:27, 28. "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." After prayer by Bro. First, Association adjourned.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

From 9 to 10 o'clock A. M. a refreshing prayer and conference meeting was held, led by Bro. Parks. From 10 to 11 the members of the Roseville Sunday School, and the delegates to the Association formed one class for the study of the S. S. lesson, with Bro. Newton as teacher.

At 11 o'clock Rev. H. H. Depperman preached in the Methodist church, and Rev. J. F. Foley in the Congregational church. Rev. E. S. Graham occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church. After introductory services Bro. Graham preached an interesting discourse founded on 2 Tim. 2:15. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Theme, The minister's responsibility in the use of the truth. Upon the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken for the benefit of ministerial students at Shurtleff College amounting to \$19.85. Bros. Foley and First presented Associational Mission work, after which an appeal was made for aid in this direction. The congregation responded by giving \$66.00 cash, and one Life Membership was taken.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

At 3 o'clock there was a missionary mass meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. A full house assembled to listen to the interesting programme that had been prepared. After devotional exercises, the Moderator gave a ringing impromptu address on Home Missions. Music by the choir. Miss Mary Foley, Associational Director of The Women's Baptist Home Mission Society, gave a report of what had been done by the women in our Association for this society the past year. The following is a summary.

Roseville Branch, cash, goods, tidings, etc.....	\$49.45.
Roseville Mission Band, cash and work,.....	14.25.
Rozetta Society, goods to Miss Sherwood,.....	10.00.
Littleton church,.....	10.00.
Mrs. J. E. Garnett,.....	1.00.
Mrs. Walton,.....	.50.
Tidings,.....	2.00.

Total Amount..... \$87.20.

MARY FOLEY, Associational Director.

An interesting address was then given by Miss Sherwood, Missionary among the Colored people in the South. The hymn, "The Morning light is breaking", was sung. Rev. J. M. Titterington followed in a pointed talk on Foreign Missions. He emphasized the thought that the Home and Foreign work are ONE. Mrs. J. E. Garnett, Associational Secretary of The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, read her report. See statistical report elsewhere. After another hymn was sung, Mrs. C. F. Tolman, of Chicago, gave a Map Exercise on our Foreign Missions. An original poem by Mrs. Titterington, entitled "Glimpses Afar," was read by Miss May Titterington. A collection was taken amounting to \$10.39 which was equally divided between the Women's Home and Foreign Societies.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

7:30 For the third time during the day a crowded house assembled.

"Nearer my home." was sung. Rev. H. H. Depperman offered prayer. Rev. H. C. First then preached an impressive sermon, solemn and practical, from Gen. 13:12. "And Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom." Rev. J. M. Titterington offered prayer. On motion a collection to make up deficiency in minute money was taken, amounting to \$4.51.

The Moderator in making his closing remarks spoke of the probability that this would be his last meeting with Salem Association. He spoke feelingly of the five years he had been in the Association.

After a song by the choir, the Association adjourned to meet Friday before the third Sunday in Sept., 1889, at 10 o'clock A. M. with the Plymouth church.

A. R. NEWTON, MODERATOR.

GEO. E. ELDREDGE, CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. VOORHEES IN ACCOUNT WITH SALEM ASSOCIATION.

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To cash received for minutes: Roseville \$1.75; Astoria .50; Basco \$2.17; Bethel \$1; Blandinsville \$2.50; Bushnell \$1.00; Carthage \$3.00; Elderville \$1.00; Hickory Grove \$1.00; Hillsborough \$1.50; Littleton \$2.50; Lee 80; Macomb \$1.75; Mount Pleasant \$1.00; Oquawka \$1.75; Plymouth \$1.70; Prairie City \$1.15; Raritan \$2; Rozetta \$1.50; Sciota \$2.00; St. Marys \$3.00; Tennessee \$1.20; Union \$3.00; Wilson Creek .50; Youngstown \$1; Mrs. Van Pelt .50; Sunday night collection \$4.51.	
Total Amount received for Minutes.....	\$45.28
For State Missions: Bethel \$2.00; Macomb \$3.46; Tennessee \$2.00.....	7.46
For Foreign Missions: Macomb.....	3.46
Total	\$56.20

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By Cash paid Clerk for Printing Minutes.....	\$45.28
Paid C. F. Tolman for Foreign Missions.....	3.46
Paid J. B. Weber, Treasurer, Mission Committee....	7.46
Total	\$56.20

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

ASTORIA:—Pastor, S. A. Douglass. We are very few in number and desire to continue the labors of Bro. Douglass as pastor; but we cannot have preaching unless we can obtain some help from the Association. Help us if possible. HENRY OVIATT, Clerk.

BASCO:—Isaac H. Denton, pastor. Our church, though afflicted, still labors and trusts in the Lord. We have lost by death one of our most earnest workers, Sister Sarah Simmons, who has been an untiring laborer in the church since its organization. On account of sickness in our families we have been unable to keep up prayer meeting during the summer. Pray for us that we may bear our afflictions with christian resignation.

MRS. ADALINE HAWKINS, Clerk.

BETHEL:—Pastor, V. B. Ingram. Preaching one-half the time. We are hoping and

praying that in the near future we may see the church revived, and an ingathering of precious souls. Our Sabbath school meets the year round. Interest and numbers are increasing. School remains for preaching.

S. T. MARTIN, Clerk.

BLANDINSVILLE:—H. H. Depperman, pastor. Our church is spiritually cold, owing to trouble brought about months ago. Bro. Depperman has been serving us as pastor since May 1st. He has been a faithful, devoted, and hard worker. We ask your sincere prayers in our behalf.

JAMES L. SEYBOLD, Clerk.

BUSHNELL:—No pastor. A few faithful members compose our active workers, and are nearly always present in our devotional meetings and Sabbath school. We have prayer meeting each Sabbath at 11 a. m. Have been without a pastor for two years; are trying to raise means to secure services of Elder Pickard one-half the time: have not succeeded in obtaining amount needed. With a little help now from the Association, this church may be replaced in good working order.

W. H. GREENE, Clerk.

CARTHAGE:—Pastor, A. R. Newton. The past year has been one of spiritual prosperity and growth. While there have not been many additions, the church has been blessed in the ministrations of a faithful pastor. Meetings have been well attended. During the winter Elder Graham assisted our pastor in special meetings for two weeks. The meetings were of spiritual benefit to the church. We deeply regret the resignation of our pastor. Elder Newton has been with us five years, preaching in town, usually twice on the Sabbath, and at East Union once in two weeks. Under his labors eighty-two in all have been added to the church.

A. C. SHULTZ, Clerk.

ELDERVILLE:—E. F. Corfield, pastor. We have held no revival for over two years. Elder Corfield has been serving us as pastor the past six months, but his time expires Sept. 1. Our Sunday school is well attended. Our great need is teachers. Remember us in your prayers.

Mrs. W. W. ASHLOCK, Clerk.

HICKORY GROVE:—Pastor, D. P. Good. Since we met with you last year we have been called to mourn the loss of our pastor, Bro. Solomon Neff, who died Feb. 14, 1888. Bro. D. P. Good preaches twice a month, to congregations good and attentive. Our Sunday school is prosperous the year round.

A. H. BALDWIN, Clerk.

HILLSBOROUGH:—H. H. Depperman, pastor. Our church is gradually becoming depleted by removals and deaths. During the year three of our number passed from their labors to their rewards. Congregations are as good and attentive as can be expected under the circumstances. We expect to begin extra meetings soon. Pray for us.

H. R. GRIGSBY, Clerk.

LEE:—No pastor. Sunday school summer and winter.

A. A. WHEELER, Clerk.

LITTLETON:—Pastor, J. F. Foley. Jan. first we began special meetings. Elder Pickard came to our assistance. The Lord blessed our labors. Ten new members were received. Our pastor held a meeting at a school house, five miles from the church, which resulted in nine conversions, two of whom united with our church. We have large and attentive congregations and a good Sunday school.

A. SELLERS, Clerk.

MACOMB:—J. B. Weber, pastor. Bro. Weber began his labors with us first Sabbath in May. Are hoping for much good. Congregations fair and attentive. Sunday school interesting. Prayer meetings well attended and profitable.

M. T. WINSLOW, Clerk.

MOUNT PLEASANT:—No pastor. We are few in number, and poor in this world's goods. No regular preaching. Death has visited us and taken one of our deacons, Wm. P. Jones. He was a constituent member, a faithful christian, and for many months a great sufferer.

P. B. JONES, Clerk.

OQUAWKA:—No pastor. We have had no pastor since the last meeting of the Association. We maintained our prayer meeting and Bible study until the feeble health of some, and absence of others compelled us to close the meeting. We have to record the death of Mrs. E. Eames, one who has been a member with us since 1849.

Mrs. M. A. BROCK, Clerk.

PLYMOUTH:—Pastor, A. Hanna. Our pastor serves the church one-half the time, and faithfully preaches the truth. Our prayer meetings are interesting, and better attended than for several years. Our Sabbath school is increasing in numbers and interest. Two

of our aged members have died. We invite the Association to meet with us next year.

DANIEL PARKS, Clerk.

PRAIRIE CITY:—No pastor. We are still without a pastor, yet trying to do what we can in the Master's vineyard. Since last April we have held our prayer and social meetings and Sunday school in connection with the Free Will Baptists of this place, neither being able to support a pastor. At our last covenant meeting we voted to hold a protracted meeting whenever a faithful laborer could be found. We ask the prayers of the Association.

MRS. ALICE WHITE, Clerk.

RARITAN:—Geo. E. Eldredge, pastor. We have received to our membership two young people by baptism. Both are helpers in church work. Death has removed one of our deacons, Bro. Abram S. Voorhees. He was a member of the church over twenty-seven years. The names of fourteen members, whose whereabouts and daily life were unknown to the church, have been erased from the church roll. Our Sunday school has maintained its interest throughout the year.

E. E. VOORHEES, Clerk.

ROSEVILLE:—Pastor, J. M. Titterington. We heartily welcome you to our church and homes. In early autumn we held a special meeting lasting four weeks. Singing evangelist L. F. Hatch assisted us. Congregations were large and attentive, and those who came regularly seemed greatly benefited. There were but few conversions. With the aid of the Young Ladies' Society we have expended about \$200. on church improvements. We have lost three members by death: one in the evening of life, another in the noontide, and another in the morn of manhood who was preparing to preach the gospel to the heathen.

JAMES TUCKER, Clerk.

ROZETTA:—S Pickard, pastor. We have had preaching one-half the time since last March. Elder Pickard is faithfully serving us. We have three prayer meetings a week when we do not have preaching. Expect to begin extra meetings soon. We have a good Sabbath school throughout the year. Our membership is becoming reduced by removals and death.

J. J. GREEN, Clerk.

SCIOTA:—No pastor. Elder Ingram closed his labors with us last August. We hope to secure another pastor soon. We still maintain our Sabbath school and covenant meetings. Peace and harmony prevail. Remember us in prayer.

J. A. SMITH, Clerk.

ST. MARYS:—No pastor. Rev. Pickard served us as supply until the last of December. During the four months following we enjoyed the labors of Rev. H. H. Depperman. Are hoping and praying for a man of God's own choosing. We have sustained a severe loss in the death of Bro. W. O. Botts. He was a member of St. Marys church for fifty years, and for many years was one of her pillars.

W. C. HALBERT, Clerk.

TENNESSEE:—Pastor, J. T. Malcom. Our membership is united and earnestly striving for the faith once delivered to the saints. Our Sunday school is a means of great spiritual strength to our church. Most of the members are engaged in the Sunday school, and are active workers. Through the encouragement of your Missionary Committee, we have settled as pastor for one-half his time Rev. J. T. Malcom. He began his labors in August. During the year we have improved our house of worship by roofing, papering, and other improvements.

JOHN STEWART, Clerk.

UNION:—J. F. Foley, pastor. We have the services of Elder J. F. Foley one-half the time. We held special meetings last November which resulted in three conversions, and the revival of a goodly number of our members.

WILLIAM CLAGUE, Clerk.

WILSON CREEK:—No pastor. Bro. S. A. Douglass was with us in August and held a meeting. The church was somewhat revived, and there were two conversions, though no additions. We desire to secure Bro. Douglass to preach for us, but financially we are not able to do much, and would like to have some help.

F. M. ELLIOTT, Clerk.

YOUNGSTOWN:—Pastor, John McMahill. We are trusting God for grace to "live godly in this present world." We are few in number, and are "earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints."

GEO. W. BECKNER, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

SALEM BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This organization shall be known as the "Salem Baptist Sabbath School Convention."

ART. II.—Each Sabbath School in Salem Convention shall be entitled to send five delegates in addition to their pastor and superintendent.

ART. III.—The object of this convention shall be the advancement of the cause of Sabbath Schools within its boundaries.

ART. IV.—The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, and discharge the usual duties pertaining to there several offices.

ART. V.—The Sabbath Schools composing this body shall furnish, at each annual meeting, full and accurate statistical reports, with an account of their progress and prospects.

ART. VI.—This Convention shall meet annually, on the day preceding the regular meeting of the Salem Baptist Association, and shall be called to order by the Moderator or Clerk, or in their absence, by some other person.

ART. VII.—This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

The pastor and superintendent where the Convention meets, together with the Moderator and Clerk of the Convention, shall act as a prudential committee, and make arrangements for all future conventions.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SALEM BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

ROSEVILLE, ILLS., SEPT. 13, 1888.

The Salem Baptist S. S. Convention met with the Roseville Baptist church and was called to order by the pastor Bro. J. M. Titterington. After devotional exercises Bro. J. B. Weber, of Macomb, was chosen President and Bro. Henry Harmon Secretary. The Convention then proceeded to the discussion of the various topics in programme as follows: (1) BIBLE READING, subject, Finding, Feeding, Following, H. H. Depperman, Blandinsville. (2) Devotional exercises, led by Bro. Weber. (3) The Sunday School a Prime Factor in Modern Civilization, Rev. Geo. E. Eldredge, Raritan. It was thought best by the Convention to hear reports from schools immediately upon convening this afternoon. Adjourned until 2 P. M.

2 O'clock. After short devotional exercises led by Bro. Eldredge, Convention proceeded to hear reports from schools. Names and statistics of schools responding will be found in table. Then proceeded to next topic in programme. Requisites for Successful Sunday School Work.

(1) Home Co-operation, Bro. H. H. Depperman. (2) Study of the Lesson, Bro. J. T. Malcom, Tennessee. (3) Efficient Trained Teachers, Rev. Geo. Peebles, Roseville. (4) God's Blessing in Finding the Way to the Heart, Rev. J. B. Weber, Macomb. How can we Interest the Members of the Church in the Sunday School? Bro. J. M. Titterington. Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

Evening Session 7:30. Praise meeting led by the Moderator. The topic, Sources of Weakness in Modern Sunday School Work, was discussed by Rev. J. F. Foley, Littleton. Bro. J. B. Weber then spoke upon Sources of Strength. Adjourned until 8:30 Friday morning.

Friday, 8:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises led by Bro. J. F. Foley. Upon motion the rest of the programme was taken up, and Bro. B. V. Ingram, of LaCrosse, addressed the Convention upon Home Co-operation, one of the Requisites for Successful Sunday School Work.

Reports from other schools were heard.

Bill for printing Programmes was presented by Bro. Titterington, which was liquidated by collection. Balance of 57 cts. over demand for Programmes left in Clerk's hands. Closing prayer by Bro. J. F. Colwell of St. Louis. Adjourned. REV. J. B. WEBER, PRESIDENT.

HENRY HARMON, SECRETARY.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MEETING HELD AT ROSEVILLE, SEPT. 15, 1888.

The meeting was opened by Scripture reading and prayer. Reports from circles were listened to with interest. Mrs. Tolman was then introduced. After a few words of greeting she gave a short talk on Woman's work for women in foreign lands. Miss Sherwood from New Orleans followed with an interesting account of her work among the colored people of the South. Mrs. Garnett then spoke of the need of more united effort on the part of our sisters in helping forward our mission work. By a rising vote a willingness was expressed to enter into an Associational organization. Mrs. Titterington presented a plan of organization which was adopted. The board of officers were instructed to prepare a constitution to be submitted at our next meeting. The following officers were elected. President, Mrs. S. B. Titterington; Vice President, Mrs. Van Pelt; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. J. E. Garnett; Recording Sec., Miss Addie Ross.

MRS. J. E. GARNETT, ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARY.

II. FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Value of Church Prop.			Current Expenses					Minutes	Total
	Meeting House.	Parsonage	Total	Pastor's Support	S. School Support	Other Support	Expenses			
							Permanent	Improvements		
Astoria,	800		800	75 00	25 00	10 00			50	110 50
Basco,	1200		1200	125 00	15 00				2 17	142 17
Bernadotte,										
Rethel.	2000		2000	74 50	8 47	14 66			1 00	98 63
Blandinsville,	2500		2500	400 00		150			2 50	552 50
Bushnell,	3500		3500		40 00	50 70			1 00	91 70
Carthage,	5000		5000	600 00	47 73	125		60 00	3 00	835 73
Cedar Creek,	750		750							
Elderville,	1600		1600	60 00	29 34				1 00	90 34
Farmers,										
Good Hope,	570		570		19 50				50	
Hickory Grove,									1 00	20 50
Hillsborough,									1 50	1 50
Lee,	500	300	800		5 00				80	5 80
Littleton,	1500	800	2300	300 00	7 25	113 42	209 00		2 50	632 17
Macomb,	8000		8000	225 00	16 93	298 59			1 75	542 27
Mt. Pleasant,									1 00	1 00
Mt. Vernon,										
Oquawka,	3000		3000		32 62	40 99			1 75	75 36
Plymouth,	400	800	1200	360 00	16 00	109 82	136 60		1 70	624 12
Prairie City,	1000		1000						1 15	1 15
Raritan,	3000		3000	386 30	19 23	54 50	38 45		2 00	500 48
Roseville,	2000	1000	3000	650 00	33 55	112 50	200		1 75	997 80
Rozetta,	2000	500	2500	360 00	25 00	75			1 50	461 50
Sciota,	1500	600	2100	250 00		30	25		2 00	307 00
St. Marys,	1700		1700	250 00	14 37	12 12			3 00	279 49
Tennessee,	1000		1000	50 00	17	25 27	103 03		1 20	196 50
Union,	1600		1600	400 00		21 61	209 87		3 00	634 48
Wilson Creek,	400		400						50	50
Youngstown,	500		500						1 00	1 00
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III. SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Schools and Date of Organiza- tion.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	P. O. Address.	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	No. Sessions Held	No. Teachers' Meetings Held	No. Using Baptist Helps	Proportion of Scholars Over 16 Years of Age	Proportion of Scholars Who Attend Church	Proportion of Scholars Who are Church Members	No. Scholars Baptized During the Year	Total Amount Given	Bible for Work	Total Given for Pub.	Soc. and S. S. Work	Total Given for Other Purposes
Astoria, 1888	Henry Oviatt	Astoria, Ill.	8	36	30	18		Bap	50	50	50	6					
Basco, 1886	Joseph Davidson,	Basco, Ill.	12	54	35			Bap			50						\$ 4 00
Bernadotte, 1875	Joseph Sullivan,	Fandon, Ill.	13	58	32	49		Bap	34	100	25	1					\$ 2 30
Blandinsville, 1871	N. Grigsby,	Blandinsville, Ill.	8	80	45	50	2	Bap	25	50	25						12 87
Bushnell, 1867	W. H. Greene,	Bushnell, Ill.	10	60	45	52		Bap	50	50	12	1					6 10
Carthage, (Branch)	W. H. Griffith,	Carthage, Ill.	11	68	34	52		Bap	50	50	50						6 43
Cedar Creek, 1870	J. C. Cutler,	Carthage, Ill.	11	57	35			Bap									5 53
Elderville, 1870	V. White,	Elderville, Ill.	10	95	43	17		Bap			14						
Farmers, 1870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope, 1877	Enos Tarter,	Bernadotte, Ill.	5	50	28	48		Bap	34	100	20						
Hickory Grove, 1860	W. F. Snyder,	Littleton, Ill.	13	138	80	50		Bap	40	100	33	6			8 25		
Hillsborough, 1848	David Luper,	Prairie City, Ill.	7	25	18	45		Bap	100	100	33						
Lee, 1856	A. McLean,	Macomb, Ill.	12	97	66	47		Bap	33	33	25		\$ 1 42				8 36
Macomb, 1886	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant, 1886	Mrs. M. A. Brock,	Oquawka, Ill.	6	45	28	52		Bap	50		33	1					
Mt. Vernon, 1886	Daniel Parks,	Plymouth, Ill.	11	40	28	52		Bap									
Oquawka, 1862	E. E. Voorhees,	Raritan, Ill.	6	41	30	52	48	Bap	50	75	33	2		5 41	10 00		2 00
Plymouth, 1852	J. W. Coghill,	Roseville, Ill.	10	79	50	52		Bap	50	56	42	3		16 29			16 06
Prairie City, 1840	Geo. L. Duke,	Rozetta, Ill.	11	114	42	52		Bap	50	34	40	1					
Raritan, 1870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roseville, 1865	J. E. Garnett,	St. Marys, Ill.	7	50	30	52		Bap	50	100	33	4		9 41	5 43		6 88
Rozetta, 1865	D. Martin,	Tennessee, Ill.	10	94	41	37	1	Bap	45	100	11			2 75	3 25		
Sciota, 1887	S. H. Hickman,	Larchland, Ill.	12	53	53	50		Bap	60	100	40	3					
St. Marys, 1887			8	14				Bap									
Tennessee, 1887																	
Union, 1887																	
Wilson Creek, 1887																	
Youngstown, 1887																	
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ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.

"SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION" was organized in 1833, (under the labors of Rev. John Logan), as a more aggressive means of missionary work among the destitute, especially in the then sparsely settled counties of Fulton, Schuyler, Adams, Hancock, Henderson, McDorrough, Knox and Warren.

Anniversary. Year	No. Baptized	No. Churches	No. Members.	Where Held.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Preachers.
1 1834	22	9	181	New Hope	John Logan	D Lenox	Joel Sweet
2 1835	17	12	217	Centreville	John Logan	D Lenox	John Clark
3 1836	8	14	256	Concord	John Logan	D Lenox	John Logan
4 1837	28	16	374	New Hope	Ezra Fisher	J Parks	B M Parks
5 1838	12	16	314	Warsaw	Ezra Fisher	S C Thompson	Ezra Fisher
6 1839	33	16	291	Payson	Ezra Fisher	Robert G Kay	Norman Parks
7 1840	22	7	184	Cedar Fork	John Logan	Jas Tucker	John Logan
8 1841	27	7	200	New Hope	J D Newell	Jas Tucker	J D Newell
9 1842	31	7	205	Littleton	John Logan	Jas Tucker	John Logan
10 1843	39	10	377	Berwick	John Logan	B C Hord	Thomas Holman
11 1844	68	10	446	Carthage	J Hovey	B C Coghill	J Hovey
12 1845	17	10	44	Oxford	John Logan	B C Coghill	Joseph Botts
13 1846	22	10	48	Monmouth	J Hovey	B C Hord	Jacob Bowers
14 1847	27	10	50	New Boston	E Miner	Thos Holman	E Miner
15 1848	45	11	55	Bethel	Joel Sweet	Jas Tucker	A Gross
16 1849	50	13	59	Berwick	Joel Sweet	Jas Tucker	R Weston
17 1850	34	15	644	Fall Creek	Joseph Botts	Jas Tucker	J L Trower
18 1851	49	15	710	New Hope	Jacob Bowers	Jas Tucker	W T Bly
19 1852	38	18	809	Union	Joseph Elliott	W T Bly	Thos Camp
20 1853	68	19	807	Lee	Joseph Elliott	W T Bly	Joseph Elliott
21 1854	136	23	96	St. Marys	R Newton	Jas Tucker	J K Barry
22 1855	97	25	1123	Mt Pleasant	R Newton	B C Coghill	R Newton
23 1856	105	25	1063	Monmouth	W F Forest	B C Coghill	W F Forest
24 1857	46	27	980	Berwick	W F Forest	B C Coghill	Anson Tucker
25 1858	113	27	1151	Hillsborough	W F Forest	B C Coghill	H S P Warren
26 1859	73	28	1001	Fall Creek	W F Forest	B C Coghill	S P Ives
27 1860	148	25	1048	Independence	D W Litchfield	E Mitchel	H S P Warren
28 1861	85	25	1131	Plymouth	W F Forest	E Mitchel	W F Forest
29 1862	155	25	2186	Prairie City	J O Metcalf	P P Shirley	D B Gunn
30 1863	112	25	1570	Blandinsville	J O Metcalf	R L Colwell	W R Welch
31 1864	72	26	1515	Carthage	J O Metcalf	J Elliott	H H Parks
32 1865	114	22	1592	Roseville	Norm'n Parks	J Elliott	J O Metcalf
33 1866	174	23	1459	Fall Creek	W R Welch	B C Coghill	H H Northop
34 1867	80	23	1452	Union	A Jones	J E Bosler	C A Hewett
35 1868	100	23	1456	St. Marys	N Parks	J E Bosler	L Osborne
36 1869	157	24	1355	Raritan	J L Benedict	J E Bosler	J L Benedict
37 1870	168	24	1578	Macomb	L Osborne	J E Bosler	L Osborne
38 1871	34	24	1428	Oquawka	J L Benedict	J E Bosler	E Russ
39 1872	204	26	1756	Blandinsville	I N Hill	J E Bosler	N Kinne
40 1873	145	26	1955	Bushnell	N Kinne	J E Bosler	L Osborne
41 1874	258	28	2229	Sciota	J M Harringt'n	J H Delano	H H Parks
42 1875	231	27	2376	Roseville	Alex McLean	J H Delano	I N Hobart
43 1876	242	27	2493	Macomb	Alex McLean	G D Kent	S H D Vaughan
44 1877	296	30	2553	Fall Creek	Alex McLean	G D Kent	Norman Parks
45 1878	78	32	2576	Carthage	Alex McLean	G D Kent	E C Cady
46 1879	58	31	2500	Union	S J M'Cormick	G D Kent	W D Clark
47 1880	78	32	2500	St. Marys	S J M'Cormick	G D Kent	J C Hart
48 1881	58	30	2084	Blandinsville	E C Cady	E Rogers	Wm Swinden
49 1882	88	30	2150	Littleton	Alex McLean	E Rogers	J E Todd
50 1883	100	27	2089	Bethel	Alex McLean	J W Saunders	R C Ray
51 1884	99	27	2010	Bushnell	Alex McLean	A R Newton	I C Fallis
52 1885	57	28	1825	Sciota	Alex McLean	A R Newton	J W Saunders
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54 1887	122	30	2093	Oquawka	A R Newton	G E Eldredge	J F Foley
55 1888	43	30	2015	Roseville	A R Newton	G E Eldredge	J M Titterington

TO THE CLERKS OF CHURCHES. DEAR BRETHREN: In preparing your letters to the Association next year please observe the following rules:

1. Write very plainly, especially all names and figures. 2. Give the statistics of your church membership in the same form as the tables in these minutes, 3. In your Benevolent Report state plainly the purpose for which each contribution was made. 4. Give the most interesting points touching the death of members having died during the year.

WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLES.

NAME. When Organized.	PRESIDENT.						SECRETARY.			TREASURER.		
	No. Members in Circle	No. Other Contributors	Money Raised During Year		Is Circle Strictly Foreign?	No. Helping Hands Taken	No. Missionary Magazines Taken					
Bushnell Circle	Jan., 1873	8	8 00	Yes	6				Mrs. S. Riepen	Mrs. S. Riepen		
Carthage Circle	June, 1883	17	33 38	Yes	13				Mrs. L. G. Kelley	Mrs. C. W. Taylor		
Littleton Circle	July, 1886		14 00						Miss Abbie Davis	Miss Abbie Davis		
Raritan Circle	July, 1888	10	7 36	Yes			1		Mrs. Percy Perrine	Mrs. Percy Perrine		
Roseville Circle	Dec., 1871	6	24 00						Mrs. Irene Smith	Mrs. Irene Smith		
Rozetta Circle	Dec., 1887	11	11 00						Miss Ida Brimhall			
Sciota Circle												
St. Marys Circle	Oct, 1882	10	13 25	Yes	13		1				Miss Myrtle Botts	
Prairie City Circle		3	7 00									
Carthage Band	June 1886		9 30	Yes								
Totals		65	127 79		32		2					



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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

SALEM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH PLYMOUTH, ILL.

September 13, 14 and 15, 1889.

OFFICERS:

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Rev. H. B. Waterman, Clerk, Carthage.
Jacques Voorhees, Treasurer, Raritan.

Next anniversary at Carthage, Ill., Friday, October 3d, 1890, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be known as the "SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," of Illinois, and shall be composed of delegates only who shall be members or pastors of the churches belonging to this body, which they represent, except such brethren as shall be invited to seats by consent of the body.

ART. II.—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty members.

ART. III.—The object of this Association shall be to promote union and harmony among the churches, and to devise and recommend such measure as are thought best calculated to advance the Redeemer's kingdom in the bounds of this Association, and throughout the world.

ART. IV.—The officers of this body shall be a Moderator. Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. V.—The Moderator shall preside, and lead in the transaction of the body, and see that order and decorum are observed.

ART. VI.—The Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of the business transactions during the session, and shall take charge of the records and papers of the body and shall conduct the correspondence.

ART. VII.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same, and the purposes for which they are designed, pay them out according to the order of the Association, and report the state of the treasury before the close of each session.

ART. VIII.—The Officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall continue in office until the enrollment of members at the succeeding session of the body.

ART. IX.—It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their letters and delegates to the Association an account of the state of their respective churches; particularly of the additions and diminutions within the year, and generally whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion, and money to pay for printing the minutes.

ART. X.—Churches that wish to be received into the Union may apply by letter and delegates, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in faith and correct in practice, may be received, and as a token of the same the Moderator shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ART. XI.—As an associated body, we utterly disclaim all or any power over the churches in respect to their independence or discipline: yet the Association, when it has reason to believe that any church connected with this body has become unsound in faith or disorderly in practice, shall use suitable means to restore such, and, failing of success, shall drop it from the minutes.

ART. XII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations, and any religious body it may think proper.

ART. XIII.—This Association shall meet annually at 10 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as shall be previously determined upon, when a sermon shall be preached by such brother as the body shall have appointed, and motion for final adjournment shall not be entertained till the close of the exercises Lord's Day evening.

ART. XIV.—Any church failing to represent itself by letter or other-

wise for two consecutive years, shall be stricken from the minutes unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. XV.—This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the body by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. XVI. This Association shall appoint annually a Missionary committee of five, whose duty it shall be to aid weak and destitute churches in securing preaching, to form plans for the occupation of destitute fields, to recommend the appointment of missionaries by the Board of the Baptist General Association of Illinois to labor within the bounds of this Association, to superintend this work, and to assist in securing collections from each of our churches for their support. This committee shall present annually a written report to the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

I.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.

II.—No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

III.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

IV.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same motion, without leave of the Association.

V.—Every question of debate shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

VI.—Ministers and visiting brethren, entitled to seats, may speak on any subject, but vote on none.

VII.—Motions lost shall not be recorded in the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

VIII.—If any proposition or motion under consideration contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each separately.

IX.—Arrangements for the next session of the Association shall not be made on the first day of the session.

X.—On opening of business the second day the roll of delegates sent by the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived stricken from the list; only the names of the ministers shall be inserted with the mark of absence.

XI.—The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

XII.—The Moderator may speak on any question, provided he calls some member to fill the chair.

XIII.—Any member about to speak shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

XIV.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, That we recommend to our churches great care in disciplining and excluding members, and we advise our churches to receive disaffected or excluded members from their sister churches to their fellowship with much discretion, and that this resolution be placed on our minutes statedly.

RESOLVED, That a "Committee on Credentials," consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the Moderator immediately after the introductory sermon. As soon as the letters from the churches have been read the committee shall at once examine and report the names of the messengers who are entitled to seats as members of said current Association.

RESOLVED, That at future sessions of Salem Association, immediately after permanent organization, a committee of three brethren shall be appointed, whose business it shall be to nominate the various committees of the regular order of business, and hereafter to stand in the regular list of committees.

MINUTES.

The Fifty-sixth annual session of the Salem Baptist Association convened with the Baptist church at Plymouth, Ill., Friday, September 13, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. R. Newton.

After devotional exercises, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. T. Malcom; text, Acts 19:20. "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."

The text was presented under the following heads: (1) The Word of God. (2) Its Effects upon the life of Men. (2) Its Object in the World. (4) Conditions to its Growth. (5) Obstacles it has and does overcome. (6) Its success.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on credentials: James Garnet, J. E. Segar, J. C. Lawton.

The Plymouth church letter was read, after which letters were read until Bushnell church was included.

Adjourned after benediction by Rev. F. J. Leavitt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Two o'clock. A devotional meeting of thirty minutes, led by Rev. J. T. Westbrook was held, after which, upon completing the reading of letters at hand, the election of officers occurred. Rev. J. F. Foley was chosen moderator; Rev. H. B. Watterman, clerk; Jacques Voorhees, treasurer. Visiting brethren were invited to a seat with the Association, and the following visitors were enrolled: Rev. J. F. Colwell, St. Louis, Mo., representing the American Baptist; Rev. A. R. Newton, for the General Association of Illinois; Miss M. G. Burdette, Chicago, Secretary of the Women's Home Mission Society; Mrs. H. B. Waterman, State Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society; Rev. F. J. Leavitt, Urbana, Ill.; Rev. Wm. Haigh, D. D., Secretary of the Home Mission Society; Rev. E. S. Graham, Upper Alton, agent of Shurtleff College.

A committee on nominations appointed, consisting of Rev. J. F. Foley, J. W. Coghill and Nathan Cutler reported committees consisting of the brethren whose name will be found subscribed to the various reports.

The committee on religious exercises, Revs. H. H. Depperman, A. Hanna, and Brother R. A. Elliott reported from time to time, as appears in the account of the devotional meetings of the session. The committee appointed one year ago, to consider the complaint of Bro. Truman Eldridge reported and were discharged, but the recommendation of their report was not concurred in.

Adjourned with prayer by the moderator.

FRIDAY EVENING—7:30.

After a devotional meeting led by Rev. B. V. Ingram, the Association was addressed by Dr. Haigh in the interest of Home Missions and a sermon was preached by Rev. F. J. Leavitt from Luke 4:18.

SATURDAY—9 A. M.

After a devotional meeting led by Rev. Geo. E. Eldridge, Bro. Dillard gave an interesting report of the Bushnell church, which was referred to the missionary committee.

The list of delegates was read and corrected, thus completing the report of the committee on credentials.

The committee on Sunday School institutes reported as follows: That three Sunday School institutes be held during the year, additional to the convention that meets in connection with the association. That the time for holding these institutes be left discretionary with the committee.

H. H. DEPPERMAN,
J. M. TITTERINGTON,
H. B. WATERMAN.

OBITUARY.

We find nothing in the letters especially demanding our attention. Twenty-five of our number have finished their course on earth and entered into the rest that awaits God's people. They have left a sweet fragrance in their church homes and we trust their fellow members will profit by following the steps that lead to christ and heaven.

J. O. METCALF,
ISAAC H. DENTON,
NATHAN CUTLER,
EDW. F. CORFIELD, } COM.

LIST OF THOSE THAT HAVE DIED:

Basco 2—Sis. Mary Segar and Lessie Westbrook; Blandinsville 2—Sis. Talitha Stevens, Susan Hungate, Sis. Lou Moore; Carthage 2—A. Thompson, Miss Ida E. Newton; Bushnell 1—Sis. Lou Moore; Cedar Creek 1—John Thompson; Elderville 2—W. B. Bailey, J. C. Baldou; Macomb 5—Mary Harrell, Marion Millegahn, Mary King, Mary Chiffon's and J. M. Ligett; Littleton 4—Pelnecia Weaver, Lydia Morrell, Elizabeth Holton, Luther Holton; Plymouth 2—Harriet Scott, Joseph Nickel; St. Marys 2—Stella A. Talbot, Maggie Nichols; Union 1—J. W. Coats.

Prayer was offered by Bro. N. Cutler.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we recommend to the patronage of the members of our churches "The Standard" and "The American Baptist." And we further recommend the use of Baptist literature in our Sunday Schools and families.

WHEREAS, Shurtleff College, our Baptist Institute for the state of Illinois, now provides for the education of our sons and daughters, having courses of study covering a period of ten years, and furnishing an extended training for students of both sexes and a theological education for students anticipating the ministry.

And whereas, Morgan Park Theological Seminary furnishes a thorough course of study for ministerial students. Therefore

Resolved, That we commend Shurtleff College and Morgan Park to the patronage and pecuniary support of all Baptists. And we urge the churches to take annual collections for the "Illinois Baptist Education Society," for young men studying for the ministry in Shurtleff College, and for the Northwestern Baptist Education Society having a similar object for the young men of Morgan Park, and for the Baptist Missionary training school at 2338 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Resolved, That it is the duty of pastors to take an annual collection and that the members of our churches give liberally to the support of "The Baptist Ministers Home at Fenton, Mich.

G. W. SHADWICK,	}	Committee.
JAMES DUKE,		
J. M. TITTERINGTON,		

The report was adopted *seriatim* after remarks from visiting brethren representing the various interests therein commended.

MISSIONS.

Your committee would respectfully report that there never was a time when the call of Christ in His word and the call of Christ in His Providence united as now to lay upon His people such responsibilities to give the Gospel to the whole world both at home and abroad.

At home the way is open to all classes and races in all parts of the country. The great west is opening up with bewildering rapidity, calling for the organization of new churches, the building of meeting houses and the appointment of missionaries in all directions. The foreign populations are among us in vast numbers and if we are not to be over-run with Romanism and infidelity, then must we give to these peoples the word of God. The millions of freed people in the south must have a Christian ministry and leadership if we are not to be swamped by the floods of ignorance, superstition and vice. The work among the Indians, the Mormons, the Chinese and in the Republic of Mexico also calls for immediate prosecution.

Your committee rejoice that during the past year so much has been accomplished in these directions by the Home Mission Society with its 790 missionaries in forty-five states and territories and among thirteen different nationalities or peoples planting churches and building meeting houses.

Abroad the fields seem to be everywhere ripe for the harvest. Besides our older fields in Burmah and Assam, the work among the Teloogoos is still full of encouragement and success, while in China and Japan there are openings which would seem sufficient to use all the available resources of the churches at home. Your committee rejoice to note that a larger number of young men are responding to the calls for laborers than ever before, while the colored schools of the south are sending forth workers for Africa. God seems to be moving by His Spirit on the hearts of his people, preparing for a great advance.

This then is the time for the churches to rally—and by prayer and liberal contributions to respond to the Divine call. Your committee earnestly urge that every pastor and every church plan to make regular and systematic contributions to the Home Mission

Society and the Mission Union, and that our people be encouraged everywhere to read the Home Mission monthly and the Missionary Magazine, that they may know what God is doing and what He calls on His people to do.

WM. M. HAIGH,
A. R. NEWTON,
S. A. DOUGLAS.

NEW CHURCHES.

Your committee present herewith the letter of the Stronghurst Baptist church, recommending admission, as after investigation the church is found to be sound in the faith and correct in practice.

H. B. WATERMAN,
J. VOORHEES,
J. T. MALCOM.

The delegates of the church received the right hand of fellowship from the moderator.

Rev. J. T. Malcom, J. M. West and Bro. J. M. Capps presented a full report on the state of religion in the churches, which has been incorporated in the "Digest." Devout thanksgiving was had for the outpouring of the spirit on many of the churches, during the past year.

TEMPERANCE.

Resolved, That as an association, we desire to place ourselves on record as in favor of every right movement looking toward the banishment of drunkenness from the homes of our own and all other lands; and, standing on the principal enumerated by the apostle Paul, Rom. 14:21. "It is good neither to eat flesh or drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended or made weak," we, for the sake of Christ and our fellow men, pledge ourselves to abstain from the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating beverage, and to so use our influence, as to create, as far as in us lies, a like sentiment in the community in which God has called us to live.

MRS. H. W. GREENE,
MISS M. G. BURDETTE,
MRS. H. B. WATERMAN.

The committee on next session, Rev. E. B. Dillard, M. T. Winslow and M. D. Martin reported Littleton as the place, Rev. E. B. Dillard as the preacher, with H. B. Waterman as alternate. Adjourned pending the discussion of the report.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Article XVIII of the constitution was amended to read the "Friday before the First Sunday in October."

The report on next session was adopted with the change of the place to Carthage.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

We have assisted three pastoral missionaries, Rev. T. J. Malcom at Tennessee; Rev. S. A. Douglas at Astoria, and Rev. E. B. Dillard at Bushnell. We have received \$291.82 and expended \$280.00, leaving \$11.82 in the treasury.

J. F. FOLEY, Chairman.

The hour from 3 to 4 p. m. was devoted to the Woman's Mission

Society with the following program: Song, the Model church, Miss A. Nebeker; report of Foreign circles, Mrs. J. E. Garnett; address, Mrs. H. B. Waterman, state secretary; report of Home circles, Miss Mary Foley; address, Miss M. G. Burdette, Chicago. The collection \$11.26 was divided. The committee, T. J. Malcom and N. Cutler nominated as the new Missionary committee: Rev. J. T. Foley, H. H. Depperman, H. B. Waterman, with Brethren James Garnett and J. A. Smith. The Mount Carroll society re-elected the officers of last year.

The treasurer's report was approved.

J. VOORHEES IN ACCOUNT WITH SALEM ASSOCIATION, DR.

To cash received for minutes.....	\$37 06
From Macomb S. S. Foreign Missions.....	11 11
Blandinsville church.....	4 55
Basco church for Home Missions.....	1 55
Total.....	\$54 27

paid the clerk to be forwarded.

The minutes were leisurely read, corrected and adopted.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

7:30. After devotional exercises Rev. A. J. Colwell preached a plain, solemn, and instructive discourse from Heb. 9:11, 12.

SUNDAY A. M.

From 9 to 10 o'clock a prayer and praise meeting was held, led by Bro. W. H. Greene, in which a most excellent spirit prevailed. Rev. J. F. Colwell then taught the Sunday school lesson. The Presbyterian church was kindly offered to the Baptists *for the day*.

Rev. A. R. Newton preached at 11 o'clock. Text, Phil. 2:16; "Holding forth the Word of Life." and made an appeal for help to pay off the remaining indebtedness of \$2,000 on the General Association. The audience responded with cash and pledges to the amount of \$107.15.

At 3 P. M. Rev. E. B. Dillard preached an impressive sermon from Rom. 14:8.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

After introductory exercises, led by Rev. S. A. Douglass, Rev. E. S. Graham preached; Text, Psa. 51:12, 13. Theme, God's method of promoting a revival.

After the sermon a collection was taken, for the benefit of students at Shurtleff College, amounting to \$10.35.

Miss Mary G. Burdette gave an interesting address upon the work of the Women's Bap. Home Mis. Society. At the close of the services the Association, by a rising vote, expressed their thanks to the Presbyterian church for the christian courtesy they had shown in opening their house of worship for their use, and to the citizens of Plymouth for the entertainment furnished to delegates of the Association.

This closed one of the best meetings in the history of the Association.

CONSTITUTION

— OF THE —

SALEM BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This organization shall be known as the “Salem Baptist Sabbath School Convention.”

ART. II.—Each Sabbath School in Salem Convention shall be entitled to send five delegates in addition to their pastor and superintendent.

ART. III.—The object of the Convention shall be the advancement of the cause of Sabbath Schools within its boundaries.

ART. IV.—The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, and discharge the usual duties pertaining to their several offices.

ART. V.—The Sabbath Schools composing this body shall furnish at each annual meeting, full and accurate statistical reports, with an account of their progress and prospects.

ART. VI.—This Convention shall meet annually, on the day preceding the regular meeting of the Salem Baptist Association, and shall be called to order by the Moderator or Clerk, or in their absence by some other person.

ART. VII.—This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

The Association committee on Institutes shall make arrangements for all future conventions.



✧ Sunday School Convention. ✧

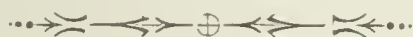
The pastor, Rev. A. Hanna, called the convention to order at 11 a. m. September 13th. After devotional exercises Rev. S. A. Douglass of Astoria was chosen president and H. B. Waterman, secretary.

At 2 p. m. after short devotional meeting led by Bro. J. M. Titterington, and an address of welcome by Dea, D. Parks, the reports from schools were read. Then the following topics were discussed: Prime object of our Sunday Schools, Rev. J. Titterington; Devotional training, Rev. S. A. Douglas; Family Religion the most ancient form, Miss Abbie Nebeker and others; Modern Sunday Schools as an institution, a place for studying the Bible, Rev. J. F. Foley; The importance of Sunday Schools, Rev. T. J. Malcom.

In the evening Miss Nebeker gave an address upon Methods in Teaching and Bro. Waterman spoke of his travels in Bible lands. A collection of \$1.95 was taken for programs and minutes.

On motion of Bro. J. F. Foley, a standing resolution was adopted instructing the Association committee on S. S. Institutes to make arrangements for S. S. conventions in the future.

A devotional meeting led by Bro. Depperman was held from 9 to 10 on Friday morning, when the convention adjourned.



Woman's Missionary Society.

The business session of the Woman's Missionary Society met in the Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. on Friday.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. J. E. Garnett; Mrs. Greene of Bushnell was called to the chair as temporary president.

A constitution was then read and adopted. Officers were elected for the coming year thereby perfecting the Associational organization begun a year ago.

Reports from circles were listened to with interest and hearts were encouraged by the real advance that has been made, both in the work of the older circles and the organization of new ones.

Rozetta circle sent a quilt which was sold to the society for \$2.40 and donated to the "Home" for Missionaries children.

Earnest words of council and exhortation were spoken by Miss Burcette, Miss Nebeker and Mrs. Waterman.

The secretary reports the following receipts: There are nine circles in which ninety-four sisters contribute \$141.38. Bushnell, \$8.00; Carthage, \$46.23; Littleton, \$14.00; Raritan, \$7.86; Roseville, \$44.49; Rozetta, none; St. Mary's, \$15.75; Tennessee, none; Prairie City, \$5.00; Three new circles have been instituted the past year.

The Women's Home Mission circles report collections: Littleton, \$7.00; Roseville, \$52.25; Rozetta, \$9.00; Sciota, \$5.00; Union, \$5.00.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.



The list of delegates is found after the Clerk's name, which is printed in italics.

ASTORIA.—Rev. S. A. Douglass, 1888; *C. A. Anderson*. Lillie Oviatt, Leona Elliott. We are few in numbers and financially poor, have enjoyed a gracious revival, and the outlook is quite promising. We need help from the association to help sustain our pastor on this large field.

BASCO.—Rev. Isaac H. Denton, LaGrange, Mo., 1887; *R. Westbrook*. Rev. J. T. Westbrook, J. T. Groom. Membership scattered; preaching once a month; a protracted meeting with the help of Bro. Beard of Pella, Iowa. Our Sunday School is prosperous.

BETHEL.—*S. T. Martin*, Fandon, Ill.; Lizzie Strader. Bro. Ingram resigned last June, since then we have been without a pastor and somewhat discouraged. Harmony prevails and we are determined to press forward.

BLANDINSVILLE.—*Miss Susie Seybold*; Ellen Ward, Fannie Bristol. There were a few conversions during the three weeks protracted meeting held by Rev. E. B. Dillard in the winter. Prayer meetings poorly attended; much room for growth. We need an under-shepherd.

BUSHNELL.—Rev. E. B. Dillard, 1889; *W. H. Greene*; Mrs. M. L. Geetrige. A good work has been done during the last few months since the coming of Bro. Dillard in April. We have re-organized, in part, with forty-six renewing their membership. Some repairs have been made on the church building. The church records have been revised. A ladies' Industrial Society has been formed. We are very much encouraged.

CARTHAGE.—Rev. H. B. Waterman, 1889; *A. C. Shultz*; J. C. Lawton, Nathan Cutler, G. W. Haynie, Mrs. H. B. Waterman, Mrs. J. C. Lawton. Quite a number of conversions during the past year. Church is repairing at a cost of \$2,000; invite the association next year.

CEDAR CREEK.—Rev. S. A. Douglas, 1889; *Astoria, T. J. Welch*, Colchester; W. Watts, Joseph Thompson. Harmony prevails, and we hope for still greater prosperity.

ELDERVILLE.—Rev. J. T. Westbrook, 1889; *Mrs. W. W. Ashlock*; Dea. W. W. Ashlock. We have had no revival for three years, but we are still striving for the Master's cause.

GOOD HOPE.—Rev. T. J. Malcom; *M. G. Barlow*; Rena Barlow, Martha Smith, Eliza James. We have passed through severe trials, but have comparatively good feeling now. Preaching twice a month.

HICKORY GROVE.—Rev. J. J. Gohagen; *W. C. Smith*, Bernadotte; Rev. Daniel Good, Conrad Dorr, John F. Miner, Abijah Brown. A large gathering during a meeting held by the pastor.

HILLSBOROUGH—Rev. V. B. Ingram, 1889; *H. R. Griggsby*, Blandinsville. We are very weak and badly scattered. Now without a pastor.

LEE—*A. A. Wheeler*, Prairie City. No pastor and discouraged; pray for us.

LITTLETON—Rev. J. F. Foley, 1887; *A. Sellers*; A. C. Foley, Jacob Bower, David Weavel, Miss Mary Foley, W. D. Snyder. Have good congregations and a prosperous Sunday School. Called Elder Foley on April 1st to devote all his time to this field. A meeting with the assistance of Elder Dillard during the winter resulted in many conversions.

MACOMB—*M. T. Winslow*; Rev. J. O. Metcalf, J. Hill, Addie Ross, Mrs. M. T. Winslow, Mrs. E. A. Sheller. Our pastor, Bro. Weber, resigned in June to engage in teaching, since which time we have been without preaching. Prayer meeting is sustained mostly by the sisters. We hope for better times.

PLYMOUTH—Rev. A. Hanna, 1887; *Daniel Parks*; F. D. Wheeler, Tom Talbot, John Thomas. Welcome the association. Held a meeting in January with the assistance of Rev. J. Cornelius. At peace among ourselves; quite a number of Baptists in our borders are members of other churches.

PRAIRIE CITY—Rev. F. E. Weston, supply; *Mrs. Alice White*. Have an interesting Sunday school; often numbers more than a hundred. Have extended a call to Bro. Weston for one service each Sabbath, and ask help to support him.

RARITAN—Rev. G. W. Shadwick, 1889; *J. Voorhees*. Bro. Eldridge closed his labors in August to prepare for the foreign field. Our church is in good condition, with prayer and covenant meetings regularly sustained.

ROSEVILLE—Rev. J. M. Titterington, 1886; *James Tucker*; Dea. J. W. Coghill, Fred Watson, Melissa Underwood. We have had a year of unequalled prosperity. Four were added by baptism early in the winter and sixteen more in Elder Dillard's meeting in April.

ROZETTA—Rev. Sam Pickard, Charleston, Ia., 1883; *J. J. Green*; S. Musgrove, J. Duke. Held a meeting in November, with Elder Delano of Kewanee, mourn our worldliness, preaching half the time.

ST. MARYS—Rev. H. H. Depperman, 1888; *R. K. Garnett*; J. H. Turner, H. B. Satterfield, J. E. Garnett, O. J. Talbot, J. N. Johnson. Have had a year of unequalled prosperity. Rev. E. B. Dillard was invited from Virginia to assist the pastor in a series of meetings. The blessed effects of the revival are still felt. Services and prayer meetings have been well attended all through the hot weather. Several have joined us from other denominations.

SCIOTA—Rev. T. J. Malcom; *J. A. Smith*. The Lord of the vineyard has in some degree owned us as a true vine, and some precious souls have been saved. Invite the association next year.

STRONGHURST—Rev. G. W. Shadwick; *Gear M. Putney*; Dea. J. M. West, E. J. West. Organized May 27th, 1889 with six members; recognized by a council August 13th, 1889. A new town with good prospects for a church; ask aid in sustaining pastor. Have a Union Sunday School.

TENNESSEE—T. J. Malcom; *John Stewart*; Dea. A. Thompson,

M. B. Martin, Belle Manning, Jennie Stewart. The past year has been one of the most successful in our history. Meetings have been very interesting; ask aid to support our pastor. Brethren Pickard and Depperman held a meeting in the winter which resulted in many additions from the Sunday School. A Woman's Mission circle has been started; ask aid to support pastor.

UNION—V. B. Ingram; *W. Clague Larchland*; R. A. Elliott, J. M. Capps, Nellie Capps, Cora Hickman, Emma Smith. A year of blessings and trials. Bro. Foley resigned in April and Bro. Ingram was called in July. Have held two meetings, one with Bro. Malcom, and one with Bro. Dillard to assist. The church is in good spiritual condition now.

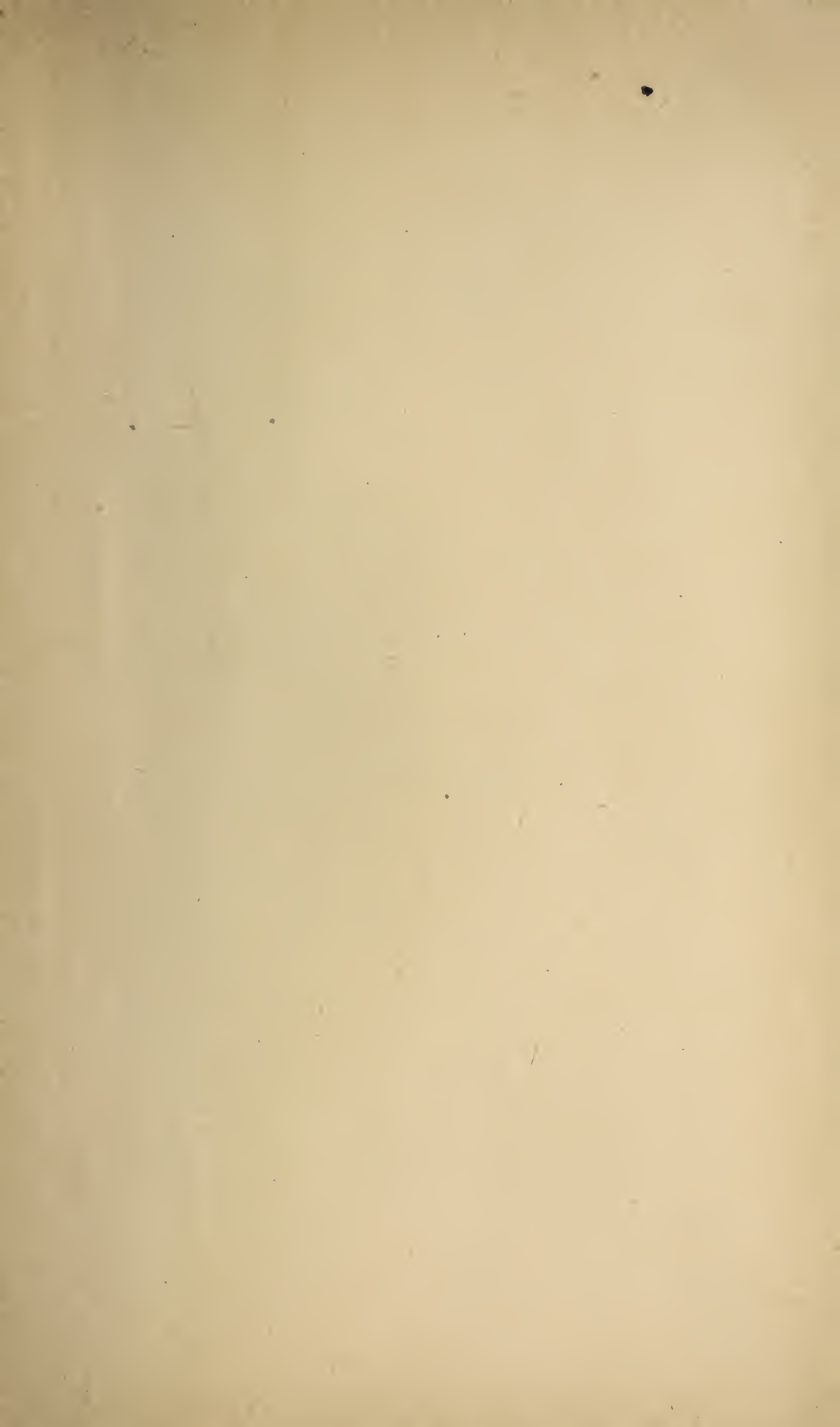
YOUNGSTOWN--J. M. Titterington; *Geo. Beckner*. We are weak, as some of our best members have recently moved away. Meeting house has been repaired; have preaching every Sunday afternoon.



STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	GAINS.			LOSSES.			Present Number	Sunday School.	Average.	Church Property	Home Expenses	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Other Objects.	Minutes.	TOTAL.
	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.													
Astoria.....	11	1	3	..	..	2	33	48	35	\$ 800	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	50
Basco.....	2	2	1	..	..	..	37	49	30	1,200	292	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 10	21 10
Bethel.....	1	1	1	4	..	..	42	47	35	2,000	371	..	..	..	9 60	..	5 00	1 80	308 40
Blandinsville.....	2	5	..	3	7	3	197	75	40	2,500	487	..	\$ 11 00	14 55	..	..	..	2 50	399 05
Bushnell.....	3	3	3	..	5	1	46	80	50	3,500	733	3 91	..	3 61	..	\$ 3 63	..	1 00	498 85
Carthage.....	7	3	..	7	3	2	144	75	47	4,000	733	17 00	17 25	14 89	..	..	..	3 00	785 14
Cedar Creek.....	..	..	..	2	4	1	89	58	30	500	337	2 50	7 59	5 60	..	..	..	2 00	349 00
Elderville.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	52	89	42	1,600	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 10	63 10
Good Hope.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	13	..	..	700	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	50
Hickory Grove.....	29	4	12	4	..	..	65	35	25	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 50	111 50
Hillsboro.....	..	..	..	4	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	1 00
Lee.....	..	..	2	..	..	..	26	27	12	600	1	..	..	..	..	..	3 50	80	5 30
Littleton.....	7	..	4	..	6	4	161	151	85	2,400	539	45 00	14 00	25 00	5 00	10 00	13 00	2 50	653 50
Macomb.....	..	3	2	16	4	5	114	80	60	3,000	480	..	..	20 00	11 00	..	..	1 00	512 00
Mount Pleasant.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oquawka.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Plymouth.....	1	2	1	6	..	2	50	45	25	1,300	121	4 00	..	6 65	1 85	..	2 75	1 50	137 75
Prairie City.....	..	..	..	3	2	..	25	..	95	1,000	105	..	..	5 00	..	..	1 30	1 00	112 30
Raritan.....	..	4	..	3	..	..	52	51	36	3,000	525	41 38	37 00	49 61	2 20	12 20	6 33	1 50	675 02
Roseville.....	20	1	1	3	..	..	158	71	50	3,000	1,040	33 00	..	62 00	..	13 25	..	1 75	1,117 00
Rosetta.....	6	..	..	2	1	..	79	122	75	2,400	436	..	71 50	18 00	4 90	5 00	..	1 75	537 15
St. Marys.....	28	3	3	3	..	2	161	..	..	1,700	840	23 39	8 00	18 18	9 00	..	32 80	3 00	926 37
Sciota.....	2	2	..	5	1	6	66	30	23	2,100	458	1 25	..	3 12	..	..	..	2 00	472 37
Stronghurst.....	3	..	3	..	..	..	12	89	6	..	43	..	2 00	..	..	..	..	50	3 50
Tennessee.....	13	1	1	..	..	..	70	80	6	1,000	195	..	..	22 59	6 10	..	40 50	1 23	267 42
Union.....	23	2	3	1	1	1	143	89	51	1,600	661	21 79	..	..	..	..	..	3 00	685 75
Wilson Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	25
Youngstown.....	..	..	..	5	2	..	20	..	..	500	178	..	..	3 50	..	..	..	25	182 05
TOTAL.....	158	34	40	64	32	52	2027	1385	967	\$ 45,400	\$ 7994	\$ 159 38	\$ 168 25	\$ 271 70	\$ 49 65	\$ 43 88	\$ 05 18	\$ 38 33	\$ 8,330 87

The names of Pastors and Clerks may be found in the Digest on pages 12, 13 and 14.



SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.

Anniversary.	Year.	No. Baptized.	No. Churches.	No. Members.	Where Held.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Preachers.
1	1834	22	9	181	New Hope	John Logan	D Lenox	Joel Sweet
2	1835	17	12	217	Centerville	John Logan	D Lenox	John Clark
3	1836	8	14	256	Concord	John Logan	D Lenox	John Logan
4	1837	28	16	374	New Hope	Ezra Fisher	J Parks	B M Parks
5	1838	12	16	314	Warsaw	Ezra Fisher	S C Thompson	Ezra Fisher
6	1839	38	16	291	Payson	Ezra Fisher	Robert G Kay	Norman Parks
7	1840	22	7	184	Cedar Fork	John Logan	Jas Tucker	John Logan
8	1841	27	7	200	New Hope	J D Newell	Jas Tucker	J D Newell
9	1842	31	7	205	Littleton	John Logan	Jas Tucker	John Logan
10	1843	39	15	377	Berwick	John Logan	B C Hord	Thos Holman
11	1844	68	10	446	Carthage	J Hovey	B C Coghill	J Hovey
12	1845	17	10	448	Oxford	John Logan	B C Coghill	Joseph Botts
13	1846	22	10	489	Monmouth	J Hovey	B C Hord	Jacob Bowers
14	1847	27	10	500	New Boston	E Miner	Thos Holman	E Miner
15	1848	45	11	554	Bethel	Joel Sweet	Jas Tucker	A Gross
16	1849	50	13	593	Berwick	Joel Sweet	Jas Tucker	R Weston
17	1850	34	15	644	Fall Creek	Joseph Botts	Jas Tucker	J L Trower
18	1851	49	15	710	New Hope	Jacob Bowers	Jas Tucker	W T Bly
19	1852	38	18	859	Union	Joseph Elliott	W T Bly	Thos Camp
20	1853	68	19	857	Lee	Joseph Elliott	W T Bly	Joseph Elliott
21	1854	136	23	963	St. Mary's	R Newton	Jas Tucker	J K Barry
22	1855	97	25	1123	Mt Pleasant	R Newton	B C Coghill	R Newton
23	1856	105	25	1663	Monmouth	W F Forest	B C Coghill	W F Forest
24	1857	46	27	980	Berwick	W F Forest	B C Coghill	Anson Tucker
25	1858	113	27	1151	Hillsboro	W F Forest	B C Coghill	H S P Warren
26	1859	78	28	1051	Fall Creek	W F Forest	B C Coghill	S P Ives
27	1860	138	25	1048	Independence	D W Litchfield	E Mitchell	H S P Warren
28	1861	83	25	1151	Plymouth	W F Forest	E Mitchell	W F Forest
29	1862	155	25	2186	Prairie City	J O Metcalf	P P Shirley	D B Gunn
30	1863	112	25	1570	Blandinsville	J O Metcalf	R L Colwell	W R Welch
31	1864	72	23	1515	Carthage	J O Metcalf	J Elliott	H H Parks
32	1865	114	22	1592	Roseville	Norman Parks	J Elliott	J O Metcalf
33	1866	174	23	1459	Fall Creek	W R Welch	B C Coghill	H H Northop
34	1867	80	23	1452	Union	A Jones	J E Bosler	C A Hewett
35	1868	100	23	1456	St Marys	N Parks	J E Bosler	L Osborne
36	1869	157	24	1355	Raritan	J L Benedict	J E Bosler	J L Benedict
37	1870	168	24	1578	Macomb	L Osborne	J E Bosler	L Osborne
38	1871	34	24	1428	Oquawka	J L Benedict	J E Bosler	E Russ
39	1872	204	26	1753	Blandinsville	I N Hill	J E Bosler	N Kinne
40	1873	145	26	1955	Bushnell	N Kinne	J E Bosler	L Osborne
41	1874	258	28	2229	Sciota	J M Harrington	J H Delano	H H Parks
42	1875	231	27	2376	Roseville	Alex McLean	J H Delano	I N Hobart
43	1876	242	27	2493	Macomb	Alex McLean	G D Kent	S H D Vaughan
44	1877	296	33	2553	Fall Creek	Alex McLean	G D Kent	Norman Parks
45	1878	78	32	2576	Carthage	Alex McLean	G D Kent	E C Cady
46	1879	58	31	2590	Union	S J McCormick	G D Kent	W D Clark
47	1880	78	32	2590	St Marys	S J McCormick	G D Kent	J C Hart
48	1881	58	30	2084	Blandinsville	E C Cady	E Rogers	Wm Swinden
49	1882	88	30	2150	Littleton	Alex McLean	E Rogers	J E Todd
50	1883	100	27	2389	Bethel	Alex McLean	J W Saunders	R C Ray
51	1884	90	27	2010	Bushnell	Alex McLean	A R Newton	I C Fallis
52	1885	57	28	1825	Sciota	Alex McLean	A R Newton	J W Saunders
53	1886	117	29	2146	Macomb	Alex McLean	A R Newton	J H Delano
54	1887	122	30	2093	Oquawka	A R Newton	G E Eldredge	J F Foley
55	1888	43	30	2015	Roseville	A R Newton	G E Eldredge	J M Tittering'tn
56	1889	153	28	2027	Plymouth	J F Foley	H B Waterman	J T Malcom

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be known as the “SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,” of Illinois, and shall be composed of delegates only who shall be members or pastors of the churches belonging to this body which they represent, except such brethren as shall be invited to seats by consent of the body.

ART. II.—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty members.

ART. III.—The object of this Association shall be to promote union and harmony among the churches, and to devise and recommend such measures as are thought best calculated to advance the Redeemer’s kingdom in the bounds of this Association and throughout the world.

ART. IV.—The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. V.—The Moderator shall preside, and lead in the transactions of the body, and see that order and decorum are observed.

ART. VI.—The clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of the business transactions during the session, and shall take charge of the records and papers of the body and shall conduct the correspondence.

ART. VII.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same, and the purpose for which they are designed, pay them out according to the order of the Association, and report the state of the Treasury before the close of each session.

ART. VIII.—The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall continue in office until the enrollment of members at the succeeding session of the body.

ART. IX.—It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their letters and delegates to the Association an account of the state of their respective churches: particularly of the additions and diminutions within the year, and generally whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion and money to pay for printing the minutes.

ART. X.—Churches that wish to be received into the Union may apply by letter and delegates, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in faith and correct in practice, may be received, and as a token of the same the Moderator shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ART. XI.—As an associated body, we utterly disclaim all or any power over the churches in respect to their independence or discipline: yet the Association, when it has reason to believe that any church connected with this body has become unsound in faith or disorderly in practice, shall use suitable means to restore such, and failing of success shall drop it from the minutes.

ART. XII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations and any religious body it may think proper.

ART. XIII.—This Association shall meet annually at 10 o’clock a. m. on Friday before the third Lord’s Day in September, at such place as shall be previously determined upon, when an Introductory Sermon shall be preached, and on the second day of the session, at 11 o’clock a. m., a Doctrinal Sermon, bearing on our distinctive principles, shall be preached, by such brethren as the body shall have appointed, and motion for final adjournment shall not be entertained till the close of the exercises Lord’s Day evening.

ART. XIV.—Any church failing to represent itself by letter or otherwise for two consecutive years, shall be stricken from the minutes unless otherwise ordered by the association.

ART. XV.—This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the body by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. XVI.—This Association shall appoint annually a Missionary Committee of five, whose duty it shall be to aid weak and destitute churches in securing preaching, to form plans for the occupation of destitute fields, to recommend the appointment of missionaries by the Board of the Baptist General Association of Illinois to labor within the bounds of this Association, to superintend this work and assist in securing collections from each of our churches for their support. This committee shall present annually a written report to the Association.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I.—Association called to order.
- II.—Introductory Sermon.
- III.—Report of Committee on Programme.
- IV.—Reading of Letters.
- V.—Election of Officers.
- VI.—Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) Committee on Programme.
 - (b) Committee on Next Association.
 - (c) Committee on S. S. Institute.
 - (d) Committee on Obituaries.
 - (e) Committee on Resolutions.
- VII.—Unfinished Business.
- VIII.—Report of Committees.
- IX.—Appointment of Missionary Committee.
- X.—New Business.
- XI.—Closing Exercises by Moderator.

RULES OF ORDER.

- I.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.
- II.—No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
- III.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and then seconded.
- IV.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same motion without leave of the Association.
- V.—Every question of debate shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
- VI.—Ministers and visiting brethren, entitled to seats, may speak on any subject but vote on none.
- VII.—Motion lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
- VIII.—If any proposition or motion under consideration contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each separately.
- IX.—Arrangements for the next session of the Association shall not be made on the first day of the session.
- X.—On opening of business the second day the roll of delegates sent by the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived stricken from the list; only the names of the ministers shall be inserted with the mark of absence.
- XI.—The Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.
- XII.—The Moderator may speak on any question, provided he calls some member to fill the chair.
- XIII.—Any member about to speak shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.
- XIV.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches great care in disciplining and excluding members, and we advise our churches to receive disaffected or excluded members from their sister churches to their fellowship with such discretion, and that this resolution be placed on our Minutes statedly.

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Resolved, That a Programme Committee of five be appointed each year, which shall include the Clerk and Moderator of the Association and a representative of the church where the next Association is to be held.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Sixty-Second Annual Session of the Salem Baptist Association convened with the Baptist Church at Littleton, Ill., September 13, 1895, 10 o'clock A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator Alex. McLean. Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by Rev. E. C. Cady. The Moderator followed with a brief history of the Association. The programme was then presented, as prepared by the Programme Committee, and adopted. Rev. G. E. Huston then read the Scripture lesson, prayer by Rev. H. C. First, and Rev. R. J. Church preached the annual sermon, using as a text Eph. 4: 30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye sealed unto the day of redemption." The synopsis, which was furnished the Clerk, is as follows:

I. THE PERSONALITY OF THE SPIRIT.—Oftimes prayer is offered, in which the spirit is referred to as "it." If nothing more to us than "it," of what use would inanimate power be to the animate being? For if an "it" then certainly He cannot be an animate being, and the God whom we claim Him to be the third personality, can be nothing more than what many proclaim Him to be, a mighty moving power, yet inanimate. Let us refer to the Word of God, which is to "guide us into all truth." (1) It ascribes to Him the attributes of a personality, viz., understanding, will and freedom. (2) It ascribes to Him same the temperaments found in God Himself, viz., the power to be hurt, vexed and sinned against. (3) He it was who inspired men to write the Word.—II. Pet. 1:21; II. Tim. 3:16. (4) He inspired men to action.—Acts 8:26.

II. HE WAS MADE MANIFEST.—Matt. 3:16; Acts 2:4 and 5:5.

III. THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE SPIRIT'S ATTRIBUTES.—Then, can we who have been led to God by his power, experienced his personality, and felt his inspiration, ask in vain of God, of whom he is the third person. No—for God is more willing to give than we are to ask. No—for He shall guide our utterances in prayer. We cannot compute the power that would be in the churches of the Salem Association, if every individual in the churches were filled by His power.

IV. THE SPIRIT'S FUTURE POWER.—(1) He shall guide us as churches, as individuals into all truth. (2) He shall lead us in the way of righteousness. (3) He shall be our comforter.

At the close of the sermon the reading of letters from the churches began by reading the letter from Littleton first.

On motion the statistics were not read.

The noon hour having arrived the Association adjourned for dinner by prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—2 O'CLOCK.

Association convened by prayer. The reading of letters was resumed and concluded, when the associational officers for the ensuing year were then chosen, which was as follows: Hon. Alex. McLean, re-elected Moderator; Rev. T. J. Malcom, re-elected Clerk; and Rev. E. C. Cady elected Treasurer.

The report of the associational clerk for the year then closing, was read and received, which was as follows:

Received for printing minutes.....	\$45 25
Collected at the Association for miscellaneous purposes	8 32
Total receipts	<u>\$53 57</u>
Expenditures: To clerk for services.....	\$10 00
Reimbursement to clerk on last year's minutes.....	5 23
For printing 500 minutes.....	21 00
Traveling expenses to and from printing office.....	2 30
Stationery	1 20
Postage.....	4 45
Telegram.....	50
Use of telephone.....	50
Incorporation.....	1 65
Associational blanks.....	82
Associationa programmes... ..	4 00
Express on same.....	25
Total.. ..	<u>\$51 90</u>

Amount in treasury..... 1 67

Rev. W. B. Willahan then led in a devotional meeting of fifteen minutes, when a Committee on New Churches was appointed, consisting of Rev. H. C. First, Rev. E. A. Stone, J. Voorhees, James P. Logan, Joseph Bean and C. M. Capps.

The regular committees, as provided for in the Order of Business, were then appointed, which was as follows:

On Programme.—Rev. J. T. Malcom and Hon. Alex. McLean, ex-officio; Rev. W. B. Willahan, Rev. S. A. Douglas and Rev. W. J. Sanborn.

On Next Association.—Rev. G. E. Huston, Rev. S. A. Douglas, Miss Mary Foley, John Miner, J. M. West.

On Sunday-School Institutes.—Rev. R. J. Church, Rev. W. J. Sanborn, Rev. S. A. Douglas, Rev. J. T. Malcom, J. A. Smith.

On Obituaries.—Rev. E. C. Cady, Rev. B. W. Harmon, Rev. G. W. Shadwick, D. M. Parks, W. Johnston.

On Resolutions.—Rev. E. Alward, Rev. H. C. First, Rev. B. W. Harmon, Rev. W. C. Halbert, John Lively.

Denominational Education was next discussed by Rev. E. A. Stone and Rev. H. C. First.

By motion the Association instructed the Moderator to appoint a committee to look after Hillsboro and Mount Pleasant churches, to see if there is any possible chance to resuscitate

them; if not, to secure the property for the Association by having it deeded to the Trustees, if possible. Which committee was appointed as follows: J. A. Smith, S. J. Grigsby, Davis H. Clark, to look after Hillsboro church, and I. M. Capps, S. P. Stern, S. H. Hickman to look after Mount Pleasant church.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. E. Alward.

FRIDAY EVENING—7:30 O'CLOCK.

Association convened by prayer by Rev. S. A. Douglas.

Dr. Stone then delivered an address on Denominational literature. At the close, "Awake My Soul in Joyful Lays" was sung, when Rev. E. C. Cady presented the interests of Foreign Missions, closing by singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. C. H. Hands.

SATURDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

A short devotional meeting led by J. M. West.

The Association resumed business; prayer by Rev. G. W. Shadwick.

The roll of delegates and visitors was then read and corrected.

The Missionary Committee, through the chairman, Rev. E. C. Cady, then made a report of the work done within the bounds of Salem Association the past associational year, which was as follows:

"Your Committee on Associational Missions report that they received applications for aid from Stronghurst and Youngstown, and recommended them favorably to our State Board. Rev. J. A. Cornelius held special meetings at Carman, nine miles east of Stronghurst, where he baptized 26, and organized a church, which he could not have done without missionary help. Our work has been greatly blessed and needs liberal support."

Report adopted; followed by a talk on State Missions by Rev. H. C. First, after which the Missionary Committee for the ensuing year was appointed, which was as follows: Rev. J. T. Malcom, Rev. R. J. Church, Rev. G. E. Huston, Rev. S. A. Douglas, Rev. W. J. Sanborn.

The Committee on New Churches then reported the following:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the application of the Union Grove Baptist Church, beg leave to report: Your Committee finds that the church has adopted the usual Articles of Faith and have been recognized by a council as a Church in Gospel order. We, therefore, recommend that the Union Grove Baptist Church be received by this body and that the hand of fellowship be given by the Moderator to the Church's delegates.

The report was adopted, and the hand of fellowship accordingly given, with appropriate remarks.

The Doctrinal Sermon was then preached by Rev. G. E. Huston, using as a text II. Cor. 8:5—"And this they did * * * first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

Theme.—A Regenerated Church Membership. Divided as follows:

I. Its Scripturality.

II. Its Necessity.

III. Its Utility.

IV. Its Destiny.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. C. Halbert.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—2 O'CLOCK.

Devotional meeting led by Rev. W. C. Halbert. Association resumed business; prayer by Rev. C. H. Hands.

The associational clerk then reported that the Association was an incorporated body; incorporate name, Salem Baptist Association of Illinois. Trustees, as chosen by the Association last year, are J. A. Smith, Hon. Alex. McLean and Rev. J. T. Malcom. Report adopted.

The Committee on Next Association, at this time, reported that the next Annual Session be held with the First Baptist Church of Macomb, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1896, 10 o'clock A. M.; and that Rev. S. A. Douglas preach the Annual Sermon, Rev. G. W. Shadwick, alternate; and that Rev. W. B. Willahan preach the Doctrinal Sermon, and Rev. E. Alward alternate. Report adopted.

The Committee on Sunday-School Institutes report that Dr. Stone will be at liberty to arrange with churches for Institute work, after the first of April, 1896. All churches, who desire his services, are requested to immediately correspond with the chairman of the committee—Rev. R. J. Church, of Roseville. Report adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries next reported, which will be found further over in the Minutes. Report adopted.

Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved. 1. That we recommend the use of Baptist literature in our Churches and Sunday-Schools.

2. Intemperance is a great and overwhelming evil and deserves the earnest condemnation and opposition of all the followers of Christ.

3. WHEREAS, We miss the genial presence of our Bro. Rev. S. Pickard; therefore be it resolved that this Association sincerely sympathize with him in his present trial and affliction, in the serious illness of his wife, and pray God that he may be sustained and comforted under the same.

4. That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the Baptist Church, and other citizens of Littleton and vicinity, for their liberal hospitality in entertaining Delegates and Visitors of this Association.

Adopted.

On motion the Doctrinal Sermon, delivered by Rev. G. E. Huston, was ordered printed in the Minutes, the Association to pay for the printing thereof. A collection of \$9.53 was then taken for same.

The Association then suspended business for the Women's Missionary meeting. Miss Rose Clark, of Salt Lake City, addressed the meeting in the interests of the Women's Home Mission Society; when at the close a collection of \$9.62 was taken to be equally divided between the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

4:30 o'clock.—The Association resumed business, when Rev. R. J. Church presented the interests of Stronghurst Church, urging the needs of help to finish its new house of worship.

On motion the Association recommended that the pastors of this association take a collection for the same immediately on returning home from the Association.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to reserve \$10.00 for his services, and print as many Minutes as he can with the money remaining.

On motion adjourned; prayer by Rev. W. J. Sanborn.

SATURDAY EVENING—7:30 O'CLOCK.

Association convened by a devotional meeting conducted by Rev. E. Alward, when Mrs. N. W. Campbell, a returned missionary from India, in the interests of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society delivered an address on Foreign Missions, giving a brief account of the religion, manners and customs of the natives of India, closing with song, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus." Rev. H. C. First then preached a sermon, text Rom. 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." At the close Bro. First took a collection of \$3.27 for the Ministers' Home, Fenton, Michigan, closing the evening service by singing "Rock of Ages." Benediction by Bro. First.

SUNDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional meeting led by Rev. G. W. Shadwick; 9:30 Sunday-School held its session, led by Dr. Stone; 10:30 Rev. C. H. Hands preached in the Baptist Church, text Acts 2:4—"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Rev. W. J. Sanborn preached in the Methodist Church, text Matt. 13:58—"And He did not many mighty works there, because of their unbelief." At the close of the morning services,

Rev. H. C. First took a collection of \$100.00 for State Missions, \$10.00 of which was taken in the Methodist Church by Rev. R. J. Church.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. G. E. Huston.

SUNDAY EVENING -7:30 O'CLOCK.

After a devotional meeting the Minutes were read and approved, Rev. R. J. Church acting as Moderator, in the absence of Alex. McLean.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church of Macomb, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1896, 10 o'clock A. M.; when Rev. W. J. Sanborn, at the close of the Association, preached a B. Y. P. U. sermon to the Young Peoples' Meeting of the Salem Association, text Ezra 10:4—"Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee." At this hour Rev. G. E. Huston preached in the Methodist Church, text Gen. 7:16—"And they that went in, went in male and female, of all flesh, as God had commanded him, and the Lord shut him in."

MESSENGERS AND DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Basco.—Messengers: Fred Crear, Mrs. Mary Crear, Mrs. Jane Doty. Has been a prosperous year; a number of accessions; no deaths; have an interesting Sunday-School and B. Y. P. U. Society. Their pastor, Rev. E. C. Drew, having resigned to attend college they are pastorless.

Bethel.—Messengers: John Fowler, Mrs. Emma Holstine, Walter Hatfield. Some progress; two accessions; one death, Dea. Joseph Sullivan; have a good Sunday-School and B. Y. P. U. Society. Hopeful.

Blandinsville.—Messengers: Rev. B. W. Harmon, Fannie Bristol, Newton Bozarth, Isaac Bozarth, James L. Seybold. Not prospering as should be; report too many "have a name to live and are dead." Discipline needed.

Bushnell.—Messengers: Rev. C. H. Hands, W. H. Greene, W. H. Parker, Mrs. S. E. Arnold, Miss Annie Hunt. Report great advancement; thirty-two accessions the past year; find it difficult to raise pastor's salary, at least as much as he deserves; have a good Sunday School and Young People's Meeting; doing work for the Master at an out station; future hopeful for this Church.

Carthage.—Messengers: Rev. G. E. Huston, G. W. Haynie, Mrs. M. Huston and C. H. Thompson. No internal dissensions; are increasing in spiritual knowledge; six deaths during the year; twelve accessions; keep up all the regular meetings of the church; future very hopeful.

Cedar Creek.—Messengers: Jacob Parrish, Joseph Thompson, Joseph Bean. Report better working order than last year; a good Sunday-School; in need of a revival.

Elderville.—Sent a letter; no messengers; no pastor; much discouraged; need help; but few workers.

Elvaston.—Messengers: Rev. W. H. Willahan, Deacon John Lively, Mrs. Annie Lively. Good congregations; live Sunday-School and spiritual prayer-meetings; need financial aid to support preaching; a very hopeful field.

Farmers.—No messengers; sent a letter; have no regular preaching; have made no advancement in the past year; have no Sunday-School nor B. Y. P. U.; sustain their monthly covenant meeting.

Good Hope.—Messengers: Norman Benjamine, Miss Mary Fall, Wallace Nelson. Still strong in the faith; some advancements; have a Sunday-School and a good Junior Society; have preaching each Sunday afternoon.

Hickory Grove.—Messengers: Enos Tarter, John F. Miner, Mrs. Susannah Miner. Not prospering as would like; in need of a pastor; keep up a Sunday-School.

Hillsboro.—No Messengers; no letter.

Lee.—Messengers: Rev. R. M. Wood, Miss Della Guernsey, Miss Mattie Guernsey. More encouraging circumstances than for years; have regular preaching, but are in need of financial aid to sustain their pastor.

Littleton.—Messengers: Rev. S. A. Douglas, Deacon M. O. Snyder, Mary Dewitt, James S. Logan, Cyrus Weaver, T. F. Pickard, Charles Ritchey. Substantial progress during the year; in a prosperous condition; sustain Sunday-School and B. Y. P. U.

Macomb.—Messengers: Rev. W. J. Sanborn, Mary Foly, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. Holstine, Stella Ragon, Mrs. Kennedy, James Arvin. Very marked advancement; doing good work in every department. For the coming year expecting great things from God, and are attempting great things for God.

Mount Pleasant.—No report.

Oquawka.—Messengers: Rev. B. E. Clifford. Are hopeful; sustain a Sunday-School and B. Y. P. U.; spiritual meetings.

Plymouth.—Messengers: Rev. J. T. Malcom, Mrs. Rosettea Malcom, S. J. Wright, W. D. Ralston. Some substantial gain; sustain a Sunday-School and B. Y. P. U.

Raritan.—Messengers: Rev. W. C. Halbert, A. Crist, J. Voorhees, Mrs. S. A. Voorhees. Have done little the past year; too many "isms" in the town; are hoping to do more this year.

Roseville.—Messengers: Rev. R. J. Church, W. D. Johnston, Wm. Anderson, Wm. Davenport, Miss Josie McReynolds, Miss Nellie Stem, Jennetta Davenport, Ida B Johnston. Has been a year of seed-sowing rather than of harvest; regular church services fairly well attended; some progress; without a pastor.

Rozetta.—Messengers: Rev. E. C. Cady, C. E. Duke, J. R. Hart, Alma Cady. Not as much advancement as desired; pastor closes his labors in November; a good Sunday-School; a live Junior and Senior B. Y. P. U.

Sciota.—Messengers: Rev. G. W. Shadwick, D. H. Clark, Mrs. Malinda Clark, Miss Myrtle Clark. Church is being built up spiritually; faithful work is being done.

St. Marys.—Messengers: Eliza Roberts, Mrs. J. E. Garnett, Mrs. Leona Huey, Miss Cora Talbot. Some advancement; a good Sunday-School; in need of spiritual power.

Stronghurst.—Messengers: J. M. West, Henry Smith. Without regular preaching; have erected a new house of worship; need financial aid to pay for it, also to sustain preaching.

Tennessee.—Messengers: Rev. E. Alward, David Bridgewater, Mrs. Nannie Bridgewater. But little progress; a good Sunday-School and B. Y. P. U.

Union —Messengers: I. M. Capps, S. H. Hickman, Mrs. M. J. Hickman. Not much progress; without a pastor.

Union Grove.—Messengers: Dea. James Caldwell, Samuel McLain, Jas. Morrell. Just organized as a church; a hopeful field.

Youngstown.—No messengers, but sent a letter; no marked advancement.
Total number of Messengers, eighty-nine.

VISITORS.

Rev. E. A. Stone, D. D., of Chicago, Superintendent Baptist Sunday-Schools of the State of Illinois.

Rev. H. C. First, Superintendent State Missions.

Rev. J. F. Heilner, Downer's Grove, Illinois, in the interests of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell, representing the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

Miss Rose Clark, of Salt Lake City, representing the Women's Home Mission Society.

Rev. W. W. Hodge and I. M. Neff, of Peoria Association.

IN MEMORIAM.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE THAT DIED IN THE LORD DURING
THE PAST YEAR—"THEY REST FROM THEIR LABORS AND
THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM."

Bethel.—Dea. Joseph Sullivan, died Dec. 23, 1894.

Blandinsville.—Mrs. Mary Bond, died Nov. 20, 1894, aged 60 years; Mrs. Martha Nichols, died July 21, 1895, aged 69 years.

Carthage.—Joseph Taylor, died Dec. 19, 1894; Mrs. Maria Layton, died Feb. 23, 1895; Catharine White, died April 14, 1895; Mrs. Elizabeth Bragg, died April 29th, 1895; Hergus J. Riley, died Aug. 28, 1895; Mrs. F. M. Cutler, died May 13, 1895.

Farmers.—Mrs. Mary Portlock, aged over 80 years.

Hickory Grove.—John Brown, died May 23, 1895; Mrs. Matilda Brown, died March 15, 1895.

Lee.—Mrs. Laura Pratt Blanchard, died Aug. 19, 1895, aged 34 years.

Littleton.—Edward Neely, aged 32 years; Mrs. Josephen Lambert, aged 62 years; Mrs. Martha Horton, died Sept 8, 1895, aged 32 years.

Macomb.—Mrs. Metcalf, wife of Rev. J. O. Metcalf, aged 79 years.

Oquawka.—Mrs. Williams.

Plymouth.—Mrs. H. A. Grimes, died Dec. 15, 1894, aged 74 years.

Roseville.—Miss Edith L. Pratt, died July 8, 1895, aged 17 years.

Rozetta.—Mrs. Libbie Myers, died Oct. 6, 1894, aged 20 years.

St. Marys.—James H. Turner, M. D., died April 11, 1895, aged 74 years; Mrs. Mary Way.

Stronghurst.—Mrs. Sarah Fox, died Nov. 7, 1894, aged 27 years.

Union.—Mrs. Mary Ann Capps, died Jan 2, 1895, aged 74 years; Mrs. Adeline Capps, died Feb 26, 1895, aged 74 years; Orvil Ray, died March 4, 1895, aged 76 years; Jane Ray, died March 8, 1895, aged 67 years; Wm. Hiatt, died March 23, 1895, aged 78 years.

Youngstown.—George Vahn.

Thirty of our number have gone to their reward since last we met, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." "They rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This organization shall be known as the "Salem Baptist Sabbath School Convention."

ART. II.—Each Sabbath School in Salem Convention shall be entitled to send five delegates in addition to their pastor and superintendent.

ART. III.—The object of the Convention shall be the advancement of the cause of Sabbath Schools within its boundaries.

ART. IV.—The officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, and discharge the usual duties pertaining to their several offices.

ART. V.—The Sabbath School composing this body shall furnish at each annual meeting full and accurate statistical reports, with an account of their progress and prospects.

ART. VI.—This Convention shall meet annually, on the day preceding the regular meeting of the Salem Baptist Association, and shall be called to order by the Moderator or Clerk, or in their absence by some other person.

ART. VII.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

The Association Committee on Institutes shall make arrangements for all future Conventions.

THURSDAY MORNING—10 O'CLOCK.

The Sunday-School Convention of the Salem Baptist Association, met in the Baptist Church of Littleton, Illinois, September 12, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The President, Rev. W. J. Sanborn, called the Convention to order and conducted a devotional service of thirty minutes, when Rev. E. C. Cady gave a talk on Sunday-School Equipments. Then was listened to the verbal reports from schools, which was interesting, and many of the reports showing advancements in Sunday-School work.

Following is a summary:

Total number of church members in the Association	2041
Total number of church members in the Sunday-School.....	531
Total number of scholars in the Sunday-School....	1279
Total number of Baptisms in the Association	138
Total number of conversions in the Sunday-School.....	42
Total number of papers taken.....	423
Total Home expenses.....	\$572.31
Total Benevolence	\$181.81

Adjourned for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—2 O'CLOCK.

Song and prayer service led by Rev. R. J. Church, after which an address on the interests of the American Baptist Publication Society was made by E. A. Stone, D. D.

Rev. G. W. Shadwick preached a Sunday-School Sermon, text Ex. 4:15. At the close of the sermon, Rev. J. F. Heilner, of Downer's Grove, Ill., delivered an address in the interest of the Home Mission Society.

Adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Stone.

THURSDAY EVENING—7:30 O'CLOCK.

Prayer and praise meeting of thirty minutes, conducted by Rev. J. H. Douglas, followed by an open parliament, "Is the Sunday School an aid to the Church?" Rev. W. C. Halbert leading; at the close a collection of \$3.19 was taken to pay for printing the programmes, which cost \$4; when Rev. W. L. Wood preached a sermon, text Isa. 64:8. After which a collection of \$2 29 was taken for State Sunday-School Work.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Heilner.

Following are the appointments of Dr. Stone with the Churches, subject to the agreement of the Churches. All changes made will be arranged through Committee on Sunday-School Institutes, or by addressing Rev. E. A. Stone, Superintendent Baptist Sunday-Schools of Illinois, 99 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.:

Stronghurst, March 1-4, 1896.
Cedar Creek, March 5-7, 1896.
St. Mary's, March 9-11, 1896.
Plymouth, March 12-14, 1896.
Tennessee, March 15-17, 1896.
Littleton, March 18-19, 1896.
Lee, March 20-21, 1896.

Roseville, March 23-25, 1896.
Bushnell, March 26-28, 1896.
Union, March 31 to April 1, 1896.
Sciota, April 2-4, 1896.
Elvaston, April 5-7, 1896.
Carthage, April 8-9, 1896.
Rozetta, April 10-11, 1896.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—*Name*.—The name of this society shall be the Baptist Young People' Union of the Salem Baptist Association.

ART. II.—*Object*.—The object of this association shall be the unification of Baptist young people; their increased spirituality; their stimulation in Christian service; their edification in Scripture knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations.

ART. III.—*Membership*.—The membership of this Union shall consist of accredited delegates from Young People's Societies in the Baptist Churches of the Salem Baptist Association and from Baptist Churches within the same limits having no young people's organizations.

ART. IV.—*Representation*.—Representation shall be on the basis of five delegates for every twenty members or less, and one for each additional ten in each young people's society. In a church where no young people's society exists, the church shall be entitled to five delegates for every fifty members or fraction thereof. Delegates shall be admitted only on credentials certified by an officer of the young people's society, or by the clerk of that church in which no young people's organization exists.

ART. V.—*Officers*.—The officers shall be a President, one Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. Each of these shall perform the duties usual to their respective offices, and shall be elected annually by ballot.

ART. VI.—*Board of Managers*.—The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Union and at least three additional members, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. The Board of Managers shall be empowered to employ such agencies as may be necessary to extend and cultivate Baptist young people's organizations.

ART. VII.—*Meeting*.—This Union shall meet at such time and place as the Union or Board of Managers may appoint.

ART. VIII.—*Amendments*.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, notice thereof having been published three months previously.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON—2 O'CLOCK.

The Salem Associational B. Y. P. U. met with Littleton Baptist church September 15th, 1895, at 2 o'clock P. M. In the

absence of the Secretary, Miss Jeannette Davenport was chosen Secretary pro-tem. The meeting was opened by a song service followed by a discussion on "Tithing." A Nominating Committee was then chosen as follows: Norman Benjamin, Myrtle Clark, William Anderson; Alma Cady, Bertha Ragon and Mr. Nelson were also chosen Auditing Committee.

"Echoes From Baltimore" were then given, Miss Myrtle Clark describing the trip to and from Baltimore. "Music and Devotional Exercise" was described by Miss Elsie Stem by a paper read by Miss Josie McReynolds. "Some of the Best Things I Heard at Baltimore was Religion," by J. T. Malcom. Miss Nell Blount being absent her paper on "Spiritual Impressions" was read by W. J. Sanborn.

When the Nominating Committee brought in their report which was as follows:

Rev. W. J. Sanborn, Macomb, President.
 Charles Lanton of Carthage, Vice-President.
 Miss Jeannette Davenport of Roseville, Recording Secretary.
 W. W. Green of Bushnell, Corresponding Secretary.
 Miss Cora Talbott of St. Marys, Treasurer.
 Miss Mary Faul of Good Hope, Junior Leader.

Report Adopted. Reports from the different Unions were then given which showed many of them to be growing in strength. Junior Leader reported one society organized. On motion the President and Secretary of the Union desiring the rally, were put on the Program Committee with the President and Secretary of the Associational Union. when Norman Benjamin led in a discussion, "Shall I go to Quincy?" The Treasurer then made a report, approved by the Auditing Committee, which is as follows:

Amount on hands after the rally at Roseville, Sept. 18, 1894..\$ 16 37
 Collected from the churches after the "Toronto Echoes"
 and various rallies... 38 97

Total receipts..... \$ 55 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 16, 1894—To W. W. Greene for stationery.....\$ 2 00
 Feb. 4, 1895—Printing programs... 3 00
 W. I. Manny, traveling expense to Sciota rally... 3 50
 Rev. W. J. Sanborn, expense to Toronto and return... 25 00
 Rev. W. J. Sanborn, to and from the various churches... 13 94
 Rev. J. H. Delano, traveling expense... 90
 Rev. W. J. Sanborn, postage 2 73
 Printing Programs..... 2 00
 Postage and money order... .. 05

Total expenditures.....\$ 53 12

Amount in treasury..... 2 22

MISS ALMA CADY, BERTHA F. RAGON, GABIE HATFIELD, Treasurer.
 WALLACE NELSON, Auditing Committee.

SUNDAY EVENING--7:45 O'CLOCK.

Devotional exercises led by Mr. Parker, after which Rev. W. J. Sanborn preached a sermon; text, Ezra 10:4; followed by a song, when a pledge was taken that each would try to win one soul to Christ during the coming year.

Adjourned to meet with the Macomb Baptist church.

JEANNETTE DAVENPORT, Sec'y Pro-tem.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Salem Baptist Association met in business session at 1:30 o'clock Friday, September 13, 1895. In the absence of the President the Foreign Secretary presided. After opening by song and prayer, proceeded at once to the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: President, Miss Mary Foley of Macomb; Secretary of Home Missions, Miss S. E. Arnold of Bushnell; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. E. Garnett of St. Marys. On motion a semi-annual meeting is to be held in February or March, time and place to be decided upon by the officers of the Society. Then Mrs. W. W. Campbell, a returned missionary from India, in the interest of the W. B. M. S. of the west, spoke briefly of the sad condition of the women of India, especially of the child-widows and of the impossibility of reaching those women through any medium but the lady missionary, and urged all present to do their utmost to send them the Gospel, not alone for the sake of the darkened souls who are crying for light, but from the higher motive of love to Christ. The ladies of Salem Association contributed \$100.52 for Foreign Missions for the year ending with March, 1895.

MRS. J. E. GARNETT, Sec'y Foreign Missions.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND P. O. ADDRESSES IN SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

Alward, E.	Plymouth, Ill
Cady, E. C.	Rozetta, Ill
Church, R. J.	Roseville, Ill
Depperman, H. H.	Bushnell, Ill
Douglas, S. A.	Littleton, Ill
Drew, E. C.	Basco, Ill
Foley, J. F.	St. Marys, Ill
Halbert, W. C.	Raritan, Ill
Hands, C. H.	Bushnell, Ill
Harmon, B. W.	Blandinsville, Ill
Huston, G. E.	Carthage, Ill
Ingrim, V. B.	Berwick, Ill
Malcom, J. T.	Plymouth, Ill
Metcalf, J. O.	Macomb, Ill
Morgan, W. W.	Stronghurst, Ill
Sanborn, W. J.	Macomb, Ill
Shadwick, G. W.	Sciota, Ill
Westbrook, J. T.	Basco, Ill
Willahan, W. H.	Elvaston, Ill

If any one has been omitted it is unintentional.

DOCTRINAL SERMON.

PREACHED BEFORE THE SALEM ASSOCIATION BY REV. G. C. HUSTON

A Regenerate Church Membership.

I. Its Scriptural ty. (1). This is evident from the greetings in the Epistles to the churches, the members of which are described as beloved of God, called to be saints, faithful brethren in Christ, etc. See Romans 1:7, 2 Cor. 1:1, Eph. 1:1, Phil. 1:1, Col. 1:1.

(2). From the duties enjoined upon them. They are commanded to keep the ordinances as they were delivered unto them; to walk worthy of their vocation; to love one another; love their enemies; abstain from all appearance of evil; deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Christ; to be and keep themselves separate from the world; to hate their own lives; lay them down for the brethren; to be faithful unto death; to give to the poor, the spread of the Gospel, the support of the ministry, etc., etc.

(3). From the figurative terms applied to them. They are called the body of Christ (Eph. 1:23), bride, holy city, New Jerusalem, Lamb's Wife, (Rev. 21:2-9), the flock of God (Acts 20:28), fold of Christ (John 10:16), members of Christ (Eph. 5:30), living stones (1 Pet. 2:5), sheep, (John 10:3,4). No other reference of the above passages being possible, it follows that a regenerate church membership is the only one taught in the Scriptures. And this being so the greatest care should be taken that none are admitted without giving credible evidence of the new birth. Regeneration as a test of membership is Baptist, and in the examination of candidates should be strictly adhered to by all our churches. I know of no other denomination today which holds and practices without modification this divine prerequisite to a church relation. The peado-baptist and so-called Christian churches of America and the world, are composed of believers and their children; of persons having the form and seeking the power of godliness; of those coming into the church to find salvation; of infants growing up to be church members, and of natural men receiving baptism in order to forgiveness.

II. Its Necessity. (1.) The symbolism of the ordinances—their meaning and reception—implies the necessity of a regenerate church membership.

Baptism is (represents) Christ in *us*, but how can Christ be in us if we are out of *Him*? The communion is (represents) we in Christ, but how can we eat before we are born? How can a dead man eat? Repentance and faith are indispensable to a proper reception of both the ordinances. According to the Great Commission in Matt. 28:19, and Mark 16:16, believers only may be baptised and partake of the communion.

(2.) The mission of the church requires a regenerate church membership. The Gospel of Christ is God's panacea for all evil of every kind, His catholicon for all moral diseases. But who can be expected to hold forth this blessed word of life to men with that disinterested state of heart and mind so necessary to win them from sin and self to Christ and holiness, save only a God-loving, God-fearing and God honoring church? Who but Christians will hold up a crucified Savior before the world? It is manifest, nevertheless, that nothing but this will ever lift up fallen humanity, debased and ruined by sin.

We do not say that the mission of the church is to rule, reform or regenerate the world, but to save as many as possible out of it through the legitimate use of the divinely appointed means. The churches are thus constituted

channels of invaluable good to men; but if they lack spirituality where is their usefulness? Can a corrupt fountain send forth sweet water? Carnal members are no accession to a church of Christ. Anything they may say or do in the interest of Christianity must fail to be recognized or blessed by the Lord because they have no vital union with Him and hence cannot speak nor act as moved by the grace of faith, without which no spiritual good can be done by anybody. Monetary contributions to religious objects by the unbelieving, when consecrated by prayer and faith, may do good, but the donors themselves must lose the blessing attached to the Christian use of money.

The celebrated Dr. Alexander Carson is represented as saying that he did not mind taking the Devil's money, but he would not suffer him to dictate what use he should make of it. Without regeneration men cannot know God, understand His word nor render Him any acceptable service whatever. So true, in fact, is this, that no religious organization which neglects, ignores or denies it can be called a church of Christ. Here, again, Baptists may be said to stand alone, no other denomination holding the doctrine of a regenerate church membership without modifications strong enough to vitiate this principle. And it is for this, among other reasons, that Baptists have always refused to exchange letters of dismission with them. Repudiating, as they do both in doctrine and practice, a regenerate membership, to exchange letters of dismission would be to recognize them as churches of Christ, and thus commit Baptist suicide. Brethren, this great underlying principle of our holy religion needs to be more preached, taught, and practiced by us as a denomination today. There appears a tendency toward looseness in the reception of members. A sort of rivalry seems obtaining among pastors and evangelists as to who can report the largest number of accessions. As a result I fear we are becoming too easily satisfied with the qualifications of candidates for membership. Other things being equal, members are not to be despised. But old fashioned conversions are still in order. When more than thirty years ago I entered into the fellowship of a Baptist church I was required to stand up and give my reasons for asking to be united with them. I was closely questioned as to my conversion, views of doctrine, purpose of life, etc. Quality, not quantity, was the rule then. A marked change has come upon our beloved Zion. Now many of the churches want a preacher who can attract the crowd to hear his mess or message, and spirit them into the fold. If he fails in this he is not the man for the place. The same is true of the Evangelist. He must antedate his appearance in a community with thrilling accounts of his great success at other points. If he cannot consistently do this his services are not in demand. Against this dangerous gravitation we enter our solemn protest. The truth, and nothing but the truth, will ever convert a soul. No human expedient has ever been found that would obviate the necessity for regeneration. "Ye must be born again," was the law of the kingdom nearly two thousand years ago, and is today. The requirement of this principle as a condition of church membership is fundamental and vital, and if so regarded would materially check, if not extinguish, the unholy ambition for mere numbers, popularity, and worldly glory. Unconverted members in a church are a curse, because they will not live the life nor set the example necessary to honor and commend the religion of Jesus Christ. Nothing can atone for the absence of a godly life. It is among the grandest arguments for Christianity in our day. Pure communion is a prominent doctrine of New Testament theology. Hence the presence of "goats" at the Lord's table is unseemly. To what purpose are all our religious duties performed unless backed by a holy life? What use would even the atonement of Christ be if He had not been holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners? Without holiness *no* man shall see the Lord.

(3.) Church polity as taught in the New Testament demands a regenerate membership. In the exercise of corrective discipline unanimity is important. But how is this to be had in a mixed community? The unregenerate

will not submit to the decision of the church in any matter if it be against them or their interests. Consequently, church censures are frequently followed by dissensions, quarrels, backbitings, malice and general insubordination. Adverse findings can and will only be well received where grace rules the heart and mind of the subjects. Wisdom is justified of her children. If unregenerate members are admitted, whether in childhood, youth or adult years, they throw everything into confusion, antagonize the church, the pastor, and God. As soon as responsibility takes date persons may be welcomed into the church, but not without some knowledge of God, themselves, and sin. Otherwise they will fight all real good that may be proposed or done if it chance not to suit their fancy. To take anyone into a Baptist church without satisfactory proof of a change of heart is to ape peadobaptists, and to do this is to depart from the Scriptures and to follow the wisdom of men rather than the word of God. Moreover, it is a very dangerous business for Baptists, because the end is not yet. Our New Testament church polity is all right for Christians. It was not intended for worldlings; never! The laws of Christ were not calculated to govern the Devil's subjects. Scriptural worship is distasteful to carnal men, nor will spiritual rules take hold upon them. Our Presbyterian friends have got a fine array of courts, the Methodists of conferences, and these and other systems of church government adopted by different bodies of professing Christians, may be needful to maintain peace and insure submission among them. But a church constituted upon New Testament authority has no use for human inventions. Nor is it dependent for support and increase upon pecuniary innovations, as demoralizing sociables, questionable amusements, games, baby shows, etc., etc. These unclean things deserve to be driven out of the house of God and not so much as named among Christians. For this purpose discipline is ordained and if faithfully and firmly executed would purge and preserve us from the leaven of the world. Retrenchment may not be a pleasant duty, but when it becomes necessary it should not be overlooked or neglected. We confess, however, that the encouragement given to worldly measures in some churches by the unregenerate element must render the work of reform no easy, if not an impossible, task.

(4) The attitude of the world toward the church makes a regenerate membership necessary. That attitude is one of direct, deadly hostility. The world hates our God, his laws, institutions, people, etc. It exercises an evil surveillance over the church, always glad of a chance to reproach Christianity and Christians, magnify and ridicule their inconsistencies. Its hostility is immutable. It never changes in fact, if it does in form. We are often told the world is growing better, and that at the present rate of the diffusion of the Gospel at home and abroad, the millenium will soon be here. We ask in all seriousness, how can such a thing be? Is not the world now, as in the days of Christ and His apostles, lying in the arms of the wicked one? Yes, it is without God and hope, full of sin, error, death, ignorance of God and His word, darkness, cruelty, ruin, and as such will pass away forever. If, therefore, the coming of the millenium depends upon the conversion of the world, it is surely yet a long way off. But the moment anybody questions the moral improvement of the world the cry of "pessimist" is raised. Let it be so. I would rather be an intelligent pessimist than an optimist who can't see anything. The churches are the light of the world, but what is the use of a light if it does not shine, and salt if it has lost its savor? What benefit is a sword you cannot use while your enemy is taking your life? The unregenerate are strangers to the use of spiritual weapons, and sin can never be conquered by carnal weapons. The tendency of all evil in every form is to grow worse, and not better. Thus it is difficult to see how the world is getting better. Let me ask, what of intemperance, gambling, theft, burglary, Sabbath desecration, murder, the social evil, anarchism, nihilism socialism and lesser misdemeanors? Statistical records, past and present, show beyond a reasonable doubt that crime is on the increase. Civilized man is multiplying his capacity for evil through division

of labor. Not only with his tongue, but with his hands he manipulates falsehood into his manufactures. By the printing press he scatters deceptions like snowflakes for multitudes. He lies by machinery and swindles by steam. In fact he is constantly enlarging his facilities for wrongdoing through public industries, great and small; by politics, trades, corporations, trusts, syndicates, monopolies, etc., etc. Well, Christians cannot hope to extinguish sin, but if true, faithful and aggressive, they may pluck many of its subjects as brands out of the fire, and thus at least fulfill the mission appointed them by the head of the church.

III. Its Utility. (1.) Decision for the right. The regenerate man is decided for Christ, His worship, His cause and all good. The temptation with others is to be distrustful, negligent, selfish, worldly, disobedient, etc. Undecided, they do no good thing heartily as unto the Lord. If they draw near to Him with their lips their hearts are far from Him. While in worldly matters they are usually certain, in spiritual things they are an unknown quantity. Believers, on the other hand, will be found faithful in that which is least, and especially so in instances requiring bravery, integrity, stability, loyalty, sacrifices for Christ and truth. "As is the earthly, such are they also that are earthly, and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly." The former mind the things of the flesh, the latter the things of the spirit. Where a knowledge of and devotion to right principles exist, their possessor is not at the mercy of every wind of lust and passion which sooner or later works ruin with the religious standing of the nominal Christian. Regeneration does this one thing among others for a man, it decides him against all sin and for holiness of heart and life

(2.) Prosperity. True ecclesiastical prosperity is based on a regenerate church membership. God loves and blesses the upright in soul. He accepts their works because He has accepted them. All the unregenerate can do is to retard or hinder Christians in their work. Bible prosperity is alone desirable and important. A church may seem to be doing a great work and be really doing little or nothing. True church prosperity consists not in mere accessions, faultless sermons as to manner and matter, large contributions to the treasury of the Lord, nor fine accommodations for the worshipers, but in having the approval and blessing of heaven upon her plans, purposes and doings. If, then, instead of regenerate material, she builds wood, hay, stubble, what permanent prosperity can she expect? None. The fire of trial, temptation or judgment, which is sure to come, will consume this dry, rotten material, leaving nothing only sadness and desolation behind. We would better have fewer leaves and more fruit. A church of Christ must prosper or die. She cannot die, and must, therefore, go forward to victory. But she must do so in God's way, otherwise she is sowing the wind and will reap the whirlwind. The favor of God is worth more to a church than the praise of men, the patronage of the world or the wealth of the millionaire. Happy and prosperous are the people whose God is the Lord. It may not be improper to observe in this connection that a regenerate ministry is not less, nay even more important than a regenerate membership. Whatever the gifts and qualifications of a carnal and worldly minded leader, he cannot be pleasing to God, nor of any service in His cause. To be useful as an under shepherd he must be the choice of the chief shepherd; must be distinguished by love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. In other words, the candidate for the ministry must be pre-eminently a righteous *man* (I do not say woman). In this light ordinations are most important. Emphasis should be laid by ordaining councils upon grace as well as truth. Grace to the herald of good news is indispensable. No other means he may possess can atone for the want of it. He is sent to preach Christ and Him crucified. His commission is limited to the Gospel which Paul in 1st Cor. 15:3-4 defines as the death, burial, resurrection of Christ. No man in his natural state is fit to edify saints or call sinners to repentance, for we read that the husbandman that laboreth must first be par-

taker of the fruits (2 Tim. 2:5). The teacher of divinity who has not the spirit of Christ, so far from being an able minister of the New Testament is not a harbinger of the glad tidings of salvation at all. We search in vain to find a warrant for delivering merely moral essays in the pulpit; for preaching legalism, armeniaism, sectarianism; for discoursing upon corner lots, lotteries, trusts, corporations and other secular objects instead of a living Christ for dying men. Nor do we think a minister does the best thing that might be done in going around the country lecturing on themes foreign to his work as a pastor. This is not to feed the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made him overseer. A good shepherd not only loves but is willing, if need be, to die for the sheep. May all the servants of God in the ministry have grace to walk worthy of the high and holy vocation wherewith they are called. When the pulpit and the pew are united in faith and practice we are a host for God and the church.

(3.) To see the utility of regeneration in the constitution and work of a church opens the way for the discovery of much related truth. My conversion from Presbyterianism to Christ in 1859 resulted in my becoming a Baptist. The whole continent of inspiration waits to be explored by the believer. He has the key to all the treasures of grace and truth. "He that spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." Until quickened by the Holy Spirit I had eyes but saw not, ears but heard not, a heart but did not perceive. As soon as I was born I became a baby Baptist. I quickly put away childish things, however, and became a full-fledged Baptist. Once circumcized in heart and ears I began reading the Bible for myself, and in a short time landed right in the baptistry and then in the Baptist church, where I have remained ever since, and propose to stay there until I exchange the local for the general assembly and church of the first born who are enrolled in Heaven. It was the revelation of His son in me that led to the discovery and acceptance of those great cardinal principles which distinguish us as Baptists, and which, like pure gold, the harder they are rubbed the more illustriously they shine.

IV. Its Destiny. (1.) A regenerate church has a spiritual destiny. 1 Cor. 15, 40, 44, 46, 50; John 3, 6, 8; 2 Cor. 5:16. Believers will exchange these present mortal and material bodies for others resembling the glorified person of their risen Lord. In these gross earthly forms of ours we could have no association or fellowship with celestial beings in a world where all is absolutely spiritual and holy. The same power and grace that has created clean hearts and renewed right spirits within us will fashion our vile bodies so that we can behold the King in his beauty.

(2.) Immortal—Rom. 6:23; John 10:28; Rev. 22:5; 1 Cor. 15:53; 2 Cor. 5:4. In this world there is no immortality, that is reserved for a future state. Sin has laid its defiling and deadly touch upon all sublunary objects. They are not to be reformed, improved or reconstructed. They are waxing old as doth a garment, as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and like a mantle they will be changed and perish. Instead, however, of dying out, as some would have us believe, Christians are hastening on to an immortal life. Our God will make us and all things about us new (Rev. 21:25), as when by his original fiat He launched them into space.

(3.) Certain—Rom. 8:28-39; Eph. 1:4, 5; 2 Thes. 4:14-18; John 10:28; Rom. 8:16, 17; Mal. 3:16, 17. To such as believe the Bible there can be no question about the destiny of the godly. The above quotations leave no doubt as to their position in the future life. The relation between Christ and His people is indissoluble. He is the head, they the members, and both are inseparably united to each other. So that where He is there will His servants be also. The righteous are said to be heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ Jesus; chosen to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, sealed by the Holy Spirit of God unto the day of redemption; appointed

to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Now, if the gifts and callings of God be without repentence (Rom. 11:29) then the final and unlimited happiness of every saint is infallibly secure.

(4.) Glorious—John 17:24; 1 Cor. 15:40-45; Rom. 2:7; Rev. 21:2-4; Rev. 3:4, 5, 12, 21. The church as bride and co-heir of Christ is destined to a consummation at once inconceivably great and glorious. She will share His honor as David's roval son and heir (Luke 1:32, 52); as seed of Abraham (compare Gen. 22:18; Rom. 4:13 and Gal. 3:16); as son of man, "the second Adam," (compare Gen. 1:26, Ps. 8:4-9 and Heb. 2:5-9) and Son of God (Phil 2:6-11, John 17). It is in His character as Son of God that the highest glory pertains to Him, and it is as related to Him in this sense that the church's exceeding and eternal weight of glory comes. In this light also He will finally "present it to Himself a glorious church, not having a spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it may be holy and without blemish."

We conclude by using the words of our text as a prayer, that the children of disobedience might "first give their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O. ADDRESSES.	No. of Schools....	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled...	Scholars Over 15 Years..	Average Attendance..	No. Conversions in School	No. Church Mem- bers in School..	No. Months kept During Year..	Volumes in Library...	S. S. Papers Taken..	Expenses	Benevoence.....	Total.....
Basco	Frank Smith, Basco, Ill.....	1	9	40	16	38	5	20	12	....	12	\$ 10 00	\$	\$ 10 00
Bethel... ..	T. A. Bourrell, Fandon, Ill	1	10	40	20	35	2	24	12	....	50	12 00	.....	12 00
Blandinsville	Sarah Badger, Blandinsville, Ill	1	11	85	....	60	....	20	12	100	2	52 00	.....	52 00
Bushnell.....	Miss S. E. Arnold, Bushnell, Ill	1	13	75	40	55	1	30	12	....	75	45 00	5 45	50 45
Carthage.....	G. W. Haynie, Carthage, Ill....	1	15	100	48	70	7	52	12	157	55	59 96	36 03	95 99
Cedar Creek..	J. T. Pullam, Colchester, Ill....	1	7	....	....	30	....	15	10	....	....	10 00	5 25	15 25
Elderville	W. W. Ashblock, Elderville, Ill	1	7	45	30	28	3	10	9	....	....	4 68	3 16	7 84
Elvaston.	Supt.'s name not given	1	7	35	18	30	4	18	12	....	2	17 00	.....	17 00
Good Hope ...	Miss Mary Faul, Good Hope, Ill	1	11	70	39	50	....	13	12	....	....	20 53	.....	20 53
Hickory Grove	Wm. Parker, Bernadotte, Ill....	1	5	46	12	22	....	12	12	....	....	....	....	....
Lee	John D. Alden, Manley, Ill.....	1	7	35	...	25	3	8	12	....	....	2 43	1 00	3 43
Littleton.	S. E. Elliott, Littleton, Ill.....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15 00	.....	15 00
Macomb	E. B. Newcomb, Macomb, Ill....	1	16	160	65	105	3	55	12	....	3	67 00	14 60	81 60
Oquawka	Lou Yerger, Oquawka, Ill.....	1	9	32	12	27	....	12	12	....	40	21 10	1 00	22 10
Plymouth	Grace Rothman, Plymouth, Ill	1	8	55	24	40	4	26	12	....	30	25 00	6 11	31 11
Raritan.	W. Smith, Raritan, Ill.....	1	8	46	6	35	....	....	12	....	60	21 50	2 50	24 00
Roseville.....	Mrs. V T. Lathrop, Roseville, Ill	1	14	115	79	63	....	85	12	....	....	47 60	71 78	119 38
Rozetta.....	Geo. E. Gilbert, Rozetta, Ill....	1	12	87	52	48	....	36	12	50	5	45 52	14 89	60 41
Sciota	J. A. Smith, Sciota, Ill.....	1	10	50	12	37	2	23	12	....	2	22 50	5 18	27 68
St. Marys	Jas. E. Talbot, Plymouth, Ill..	1	11	78	40	46	7	36	12	75	60	44 89	9 74	54 63
Stronghurst..	J. M. West, Stronghurst, Ill....	1	8	30	10	25	1	16	12	....	24	15 60	2 27	17 87
Tennessee....	Mrs. J. Martin, Tennessee, Ill..	1	12	55	25	40	....	20	12	....	3	13 00	2 85	15 85
Union	George Steele, Berwick, Ill.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Union Grove.	Jas. Worrell, Littleton, Ill.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total. ....	.....	21	210	1279	548	909	42	531	.....	382	423	\$ 572 31	\$ 181 81	\$ 754 12

B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS.

UNIONS.	PRESIDENT AND P. O. ADDRESS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND P. O. ADDRESS.	No. Members.....	FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE.					
				State Missions..	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions..	Printing Minutes..	Other Expenses.	Total.....
Basco.....	Hershal Scott, Basco, Ill.....	Leota Huff, Basco, Ill.....	50	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bethel... ..	John T. Martin, Colchester, Ill....	Blanche Robinson, Fandon, Ill....	34	.....	.....	.....	50	6 89	7 39
Blandinsville.....	A. J. Bond, Blandinsville, Ill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bushnell.....	W. H. Parke, Bushnell.....	Julia Heister, Bushnell, Ill....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carthage.....	Chas. Lawton, Carthage, Ill.....	George Cutler Carthage, Ill....	34	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	165 45
Littleton.....	S. A. Douglas, Littleton, Ill.....	S. E. Elliott, Littleton, Ill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42
Macomb.....	E. B. Newcombe, Macomb, Ill.....	Alta Ragon, Macomb, Ill.....	49	5 00	10 89	15 00	.....	31 53	62 42
Oquawka.....	Mrs. E. A. Hudson, Oquawka, Ill....	Miss Alice Essex, Oquawka, Ill....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	D. M. Parks, Plymouth, Ill.....	Bird Rothman, Plymouth, Ill....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	25 00
Roseville.....	Jennie Lape, Roseville, Ill.....	Cora Wickersham, Roseville, Ill....	40	.....	.....	.....	25	30 46	30 70
Rozetta.....	S. H. Greene, Rozetta, Ill.....	Alma Cady, Rozetta, Ill.....	25	10 00	6 50	34 00	.....	11 50	55 50
Sciota.....	Myrtle, Clark, Sciota, Ill.....	Ora Armstrong, Sciota, Ill.....	22	.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....	1 05
Stronghurst.....	John Powel, Stronghurst, Ill.....	Ella Boggess.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	Katie Houk, Tennessee, Ill.....	Dora Miller, Tennessee, Ill.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 00	34 00
Total.....	.....	.....	357	\$15 42	\$17 39	\$50 05	\$ 75	\$139 37	\$381 93

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Pastors and P. O. Addresses.	Clerks and P. O. Addresses.	When Constituted.	Membership Last Year.....	MEMBERSHIP.						Present Membership.....		
					INCREASE.			DECREASE.					
					Baptisms ..	Letter.....	Restoration	Relation (of facts).	Exclusions..	Transferr'd to Absn't list		Deaths	
Basco	E. C. Drew, Basco, Ill.....	Mrs. R. Westbrook, Basco, Ill..	1857	72	11	12	.....	.....	1	5	.....	79	
Bethel	V. B. Ingram, Berwick, Ill.....	Mrs. Agnes Hatfield, Fandon, Ill	1872	48	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	
Blandinsville	B. W. Harmon, Blandinsville, Ill	Jas. L. Seybold, Blandinsville, Ill	1869	188	3	1	.....	.....	6	3	2	181	
Bushnell	C. H. Hands, Bushnell, Ill.....	W. H. Green, Bushnell, Ill.....	1862	71	19	10	3	.....	3	2	.....	98	
Carthage.	G. E. Huston, Carthage, Ill.....	Mrs. M. A. McKelvie, Carthage, Ill	1855	159	11	.....	1	.....	2	.....	6	163	
Cedar Creek..	B. W. Harmon, Blandinsville, Ill	R. Anderson, Blandinsville, Ill	1871	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	64	
Elderville.	No Pastor.....	M. Ashblock, Elderville, Ill.....	1843	36	3	.....	.....	.....	5	1	.....	33	
Elvaston.....	W. H. Willahan, Elvaston, Ill..	Stanley Barnes, Elvaston, Ill..	1893	21	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	
Farmers.....	No Pastor.....	T. G. Miner, Adair, Ill.....	.....	26	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	
Good Hope...	G. W. Shadwick, Sciota, Ill.....	Mary Paul, Good Hope, Ill.....	1887	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	
Hick'ry Grove	No Pastor.....	E. W. Chenoweth, Leman, Ill..	1877	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	2	45	
Hillsboro.	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Lee	R. M. Wood, Prairie City, Ill..	M. E. Douglas, Prairie City, Ill	1849	23	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	24	
Littleton.	S. A. Douglas, Littleton, Ill.....	D. W. Wells, Littleton, Ill.....	.....	184	13	12	1	.....	2	.....	3	181	
Macomb	W. J. Sanborn, Macomb, Ill.....	J. S. Damron, Macomb, Ill.....	1857	167	11	18	.....	.....	2	.....	1	193	
Mt. Pleasant.	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Oquawka.....	B. Clifford, Aledo, Ill.....	E. A. Ellett, Oquawka, Ill.....	1871	35	4	3	.....	.....	2	.....	1	39	
Plymouth	J. T. Malcom, Plymouth, Ill.....	D. M. Parks, Plymouth, Ill.....	1857	71	9	4	.....	2	2	5	1	78	
Raritan	W. C. Halbert, Raritan, Ill.....	J. Voorhees, Raritan, Ill.....	1858	61	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	62	
Roseville.....	R. J. Church, Roseville, Ill.....	F. J. Mitchell, Roseville, Ill.....	1852	168	4	2	.....	.....	4	.....	1	169	
Rozetta	E. C. Cady, Rozetta, Ill.....	C. E. Duke, Reed, Ill.....	1837	117	.....	1	.....	.....	10	.....	1	106	
Sciota.....	G. W. Shadwick, Sciota, Ill.....	J. A. Smith, Sciota, Ill.....	1870	61	3	3	.....	.....	7	2	.....	56	
St. Marys.....	V. B. Ingram, Berwick, Ill.....	Myrtle A. Botts, St. Marys, Ill..	1837	160	7	.....	.....	1	12	35	2	132	
Stronghurst..	W. W. Morgan, Stronghurst, Ill	J. M. West, Stronghurst, Ill.....	1889	36	24	1	.....	6	28	4	1	34	
Tennessee...	E. Alward, Plymouth, Ill.....	Jennie Martin, Tennessee, Ill..	1860	61	1	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	62	
Union	No Pastor.....	Wm. Clague, Larchland, ill.....	1841	117	4	.....	.....	.....	3	6	11	5	
Union Grove.	S. A. Douglas, Littleton, Ill.....	Mrs. S. McLain, Industry, Ill.....	1895	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	
Youngstown .	S. Pickard, Charleston, Ia.....	C. S. Arnold, Youngstown, Ill..	1862	20	1	.....	.....	1	.....	5	.....	13	
Total.....				2049	138	66	7	10	82	49	48	30	2041

FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY				CURRENT EXPENSES.			MISSIONS.										Grand Total.	
	Meeting House...	Seating Capacity..	Parsonage..	Total.	Home Church Expenses	Home S. S. Expenses.	Printing Minutes...	Associatn'l Missions.	State Missions..	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible and Pub. Work	State S. S. Work..	Minister's Home..	Minister's Education	Building Church Houses	Other Expenses.		Total Be-nevolence
Basco	\$1,200 00	280	\$	1,300 00	\$300 00	\$10 00	\$1 25	\$	\$	\$15 00	\$3 00	\$3 05	\$	\$	\$	\$1 00	\$	\$18 00	\$329 25
Bethel.....	1,500 00	300		1,500 00	380 89	12 00	2 00		4 63							1 00		8 68	403 57
Blandinsville.....	2,000 00	250	1,400 00	3,400 00	848 00	52 00	3 00		19 00		39 65		9 00			35 35		103 00	1,006 00
Bushnell	3,500 00	450		3,500 00	508 00	45 00	1 20				7 00	4 45	1 00					12 45	566 65
Carthage.....	6,000 00	350		6,000 00	1,092 70	59 96	5 00		24 12	34 00	76 85	12 50	10 40			28 00		185 87	1,343 53
Cedar Creek.....	1,000 00	300		1,000 00	160 00	10 00	1 35					2 10	3 15					5 25	176 60
Elderville					70 00	4 68	1 10					3 16						3 16	77 94
Elvaston	2,500 00	250		2,500 00	266 00	17 00	1 10		3 00			3 00				1 00		7 00	291 10
Farmers	700 00	150	1,000 00	1,700 00	130 00	20 53	60		10 00									10 00	10 75
Good Hope.....	1,200 00	300		1,200 00			1 50												151 13
Hickory Grove.....																			1 50
Hillsboro																			
Lee.....	1,200 00	200	600 00	1,800 00	75 00	3 43	75						1 00					1 00	80 18
Littleton.....	1,400 00	350	800 00	2,200 00	630 00	15 00	2 25		7 50		3 00		1 66					12 16	659 41
Macomb	8,000 00	450		8,000 00	1,343 75	67 00	3 25		14 65	50 39	79 61					1 00	47 48	193 13	1,607 13
Mount Pleasant.....																			
Oquawka.....	4,000 00			4,000 00	155 00	21 10	1 50		5 00		5 00	5 00	1 00			1 00		17 00	194 60
Plymouth.....	3,000 00	250	1,000 00	5,000 00	883 41	25 00	2 25		9 70	6 21		3 11	3 00					22 02	932 68
Raritan.....	2,000 00	200		2,000 00	555 00	21 50	2 00		5 00				2 50			130 00		137 50	716 00
Roseville	10,000 00	600	2,000 00	12,000 00	962 96	47 60	3 25		21 25	45 55	78 00	9 57	9 13				243 25	406 75	1,423 56
Rozetta.....	1,500 00	300	1,150 00	2,650 00	434 32	45 52	2 00	1 65	30 00	68 00	207 20	6 74	6 50	6 50	5 00	35 14	15 00	381 73	863 57
Sciota	1,500 00	300	500 00	2,000 00	606 15	22 50	2 10		4 00	4 00	6 15	7 03	2 50			26 43		50 11	680 86
St. Marys.....	2,000 00	400		2,000 00	298 00	44 89	2 50		15 00		21 28	5 66				2 00		43 94	389 33
Stronghurst.....	3,000 00	350		3,000 00	1,145 00	15 60	1 00		5 00		5 27	1 85						10 27	1,171 87
Tennessee.....	1,000 00	200		1,000 00		13 00	75			3 85								5 60	19 45
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Union Grove.....																			
Youngstown.....	1,200 00	350		1,300 00	120 00		50												120 50
Collected at Ass'n.....							9 53		100 00	4 81			2 29	3 27			3 19	118 37	127 90
Total.....	\$60,800 00	6880	\$8450 00	\$70,450 00	\$11,374 18	\$573 31	\$52 98	\$1 65	\$277 85	\$233 91	\$540 15	\$67 22	\$53 13	\$9 77	\$5 00	\$260 95	\$308 92	\$17,58 52	\$13,684 05

SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.

Anniversary.....	Year.....	No. Baptised.....	No. Churches.....	No. Members.....	WHERE HELD.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER.
1	1834	22	9	181	New Hope....	John Logan.....	D. Lennox.....	Joel Sweet
2	1835	17	12	217	Centerville...	John Logan.....	D. Lennox.....	John Clark
3	1836	8	14	256	Concord.....	John Logan.....	D. Lennox.....	John Logan
4	1837	28	16	374	New Hope....	Ezra Fisher.....	J. Parks.....	B. M. Parks
5	1838	12	16	314	Warsaw.....	Ezra Fisher.....	S. C. Thompson	Ezra Fisher
6	1839	38	16	291	Payson.....	Ezra Fisher.....	Robert G. Kay.	Norman Parks
7	1840	22	7	184	Cedar Fork...	John Logan.....	Jas. Tucker...	John Logan
8	1841	27	7	200	New Hope...	J. D. Newell.....	Jas. Tucker...	J. D. Newell
9	1842	31	7	205	Littleton.....	John Logan.....	Jas. Tucker...	John Logan
10	1843	39	10	371	Berwick.....	John Logan.....	B. C. Hord.....	Thos. Holman
11	1844	68	10	446	Carthage.....	J. Hovey.....	B. C. Coghill...	J. Hovey
12	1845	17	10	448	Oxford.....	John Logan.....	B. C. Coghill...	Joseph Botts
13	1846	22	10	489	Monmouth....	J. Hovey.....	B. C. Hord.....	Jacob Bowers
14	1847	27	10	500	New Boston..	E. Miner.....	Thos. Holman..	E. Miner
15	1848	45	11	554	Bethel.....	Joel Sweet.....	Jas. Tucker...	A. Gross
16	1849	50	13	593	Berwick.....	Joel Sweet.....	Jas. Tucker...	R. Weston
17	1850	34	15	644	Fall Creek....	Joseph Botts....	Jas. Tucker...	J. L. Trower
18	1851	49	15	710	New Hope....	Jacob Bowers....	Jas. Tucker...	W. T. Bly
19	1852	38	18	809	Union.....	Joseph Elliott...	W. T. Bly.....	Thos. Camp
20	1853	68	19	807	Lee.....	Joseph Elliott...	W. T. Bly.....	Joseph Elliott
21	1854	136	23	963	St. Marys....	R. Newton.....	Jas. Tucker...	J. K. Barry
22	1855	97	25	1123	Mt. Pleasant..	R. Newton.....	B. C. Coghill...	R. Newton
23	1856	105	25	1063	Monmouth....	W. F. Forest.....	B. C. Coghill...	W. F. Forest
24	1857	46	27	980	Berwick.....	W. F. Forest.....	B. C. Coghill...	Anson Tucker
25	1858	113	27	1151	Hillsboro.....	W. F. Forest.....	B. C. Coghill...	H. S. P. Warren
26	1859	78	28	1001	Fall Creek....	W. F. Forest.....	B. C. Coghill...	S. P. Ives
27	1860	138	25	1048	Independence	D. W. Litchfield..	E. Mitchell....	H. S. P. Warren
28	1861	83	25	1131	Plymouth.....	W. F. Forest.....	E. Mitchell....	W. F. Forest
29	1862	155	25	2186	Prairie City..	J. O. Metcalf....	P. P. Shirley...	D. B. Gunn
30	1863	112	25	1570	Blandinsville	J. O. Metcalf....	R. J. Colwell...	W. R. Welch
31	1864	72	26	1515	Carthage.....	J. O. Metcalf....	J. Elliott.....	H. H. Parks
32	1865	114	22	1592	Roseville.....	Norman Parks...	J. Elliott.....	J. O. Metcalf
33	1866	174	23	1459	Fall Creek....	W. R. Welch....	B. C. Coghill...	H. H. Northon
34	1867	80	23	1452	Union.....	A. Jones.....	J. E. Bosler...	C. A. Hewett
35	1868	100	23	1456	St. Marys....	N. Parks.....	J. E. Bosler...	L. Osborne
36	1869	157	24	1355	Raritan.....	J. L. Benedict....	J. E. Bosler...	J. L. Benedict
37	1870	168	24	1578	Macomb.....	L. Osborne.....	J. E. Bosler...	L. Osborne
38	1871	34	24	1428	Oquawka.....	J. L. Benedict....	J. E. Bosler...	E. Russ
39	1872	204	26	1756	Blandinsville	I. N. Hill.....	J. E. Bosler...	N. Kinnie
40	1873	145	26	1955	Bushnell.....	M. Kinnie.....	J. E. Bosler...	L. Osborne
41	1874	258	28	2229	Sciota.....	J. M. Harrington	J. H. Delano...	H. H. Parks
42	1875	231	27	2376	Roseville.....	Alex. McLean....	J. H. Delano...	I. N. Hobart
43	1876	242	27	2493	Macomb.....	Alex. McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	S. H. D. Vanghall
44	1877	296	30	2553	Fall Creek....	Alex. McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	Norman Parks
45	1878	78	32	2576	Carthage.....	Alex. McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	E. C. Cady
46	1879	58	31	2500	Union.....	S. J. McCormick..	G. D. Kent.....	W. D. Clark
47	1880	78	32	2500	St. Marys....	S. J. McCormick..	G. D. Kent.....	J. C. Hart
48	1881	58	30	2084	Blandinsville	E. C. Cady.....	E. Rogers.....	Wm. Swinden
49	1882	88	30	2150	Littleton.....	Alex. McLean....	E. Rogers.....	J. E. Todd
50	1883	100	27	2089	Bethel.....	Alex. McLean....	J. W. Saunders.	R. C. Ray
51	1884	99	27	2010	Bushnell.....	Alex. McLean....	A. R. Newton...	I. C. Fahis
52	1885	57	28	1825	Sciota.....	Alex. McLean....	A. R. Newton...	J. W. Saunders
53	1886	117	29	2146	Macomb.....	Alex. McLean....	A. R. Newton...	J. H. Delano
54	1887	122	30	2093	Oquawka.....	A. R. Newton....	G. E. Eldredge.	J. F. Foley
55	1888	43	30	2015	Roseville.....	A. R. Newton....	G. E. Eldredge.	J. M. Titterington
56	1889	158	28	2027	Plymouth.....	J. F. Foley.....	H. B. Waterman	J. T. Malcom
57	1890	112	29	1936	Carthage.....	S. Pickard.....	J. T. Malcom...	E. B. Dillard
58	1891	120	29	1875	Blandinsville	S. Pickard.....	J. T. Malcom...	A. H. Rhodes
59	1892	129	28	1932	Rozetta.....	Alex. McLean....	J. T. Malcom...	V. B. Ingram
60	1893	101	29	1948	St. Marys....	Alex. McLean....	J. T. Malcom...	H. H. Depperman
61	1894	149	27	2049	Roseville.....	Alex. McLean....	J. T. Malcom...	W. J. Sanborn
62	1895	138	28	2041	Littleton.....	Alex. McLean....	J. T. Malcom...	R. J. Church

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MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
Salem Baptist Association,
HELD WITH THE
BLANDINSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
September 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1899.

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CONSTITUTION.



ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be known as the “SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.” of Illinois, and shall be composed of delegates only who shall be members or pastors of the churches belonging to this body, which they represent, except such brethren as shall be invited to seats by consent of the body.

ART. II.—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty members.

ART. III.—The object of this Association shall be to promote union and harmony among the churches, and to advise and recommend such measures as are thought best calculated to advance the Redeemer’s kingdom in the bounds of this Association and throughout the world.

ART. IV.—The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. V.—The Moderator shall preside, and lead in transactions of the body, and see that order and decorum are observed.

ART. VI.—The Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of the business transactions during the session, and shall take charge of the records and papers of the body and shall conduct the correspondence.

ART. VII.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same, and the purpose for which they are designed, pay them out according to the order of the Association, and report the state of the Treasury before the close of each session.

ART. VIII. — The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall continue in office until the enrollment of members at the succeeding session of the body.

ART. IX. — It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their letters and delegates to the Association an account of the state of their respective churches; particularly of the additions and diminutions within the year, and generally whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion, and money to pay for printing the minutes.

ART. X.—Churches that wish to be received into the Union may apply by letter and delegates, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in the faith and correct in practice, may be received, and as a token of the same the Moderator shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ART. XI.—As an associated body, we utterly disclaim all or any power over the churches in respect to their independence or discipline; yet the Association, when it has reason to believe that any church connected with this body has become unsound in the faith or disorderly in practice, shall use suitable means to restore such, and failing of success, shall drop it from the minutes.

ART. XII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations and any religious body it may think proper.

ART. XIII.—This Association shall meet annually at 10 a. m. on Friday before the Third Lord’s Day in September, at such place as shall be previously determined upon, at 11 o’clock a. m., a Doctrinal Sermon, bearing on our distinctive principles, shall be preached, by such brethren as the body shall have appointed, and motion for final adjournment shall not be entertained till the close of the exercises Lord’s Day evening.

ART. XIV.—Any church failing to represent itself by letter or otherwise for two consecutive years, shall be stricken from the minutes, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. XV.—This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the body by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. XVI.—This association shall appoint annually a Missionary Committee

of five, whose duty it shall be to aid weak and destitute churches in securing preaching, to form plans for the occupation of destitute fields, to recommend the appointment of missionaries by the Board of the Baptist General Association of Illinois to labor within the bounds of this association, to superintend this work, and assist in securing collections from each of our churches for their support. This committee shall present annually a written report to the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I.—Association called to order.
- II.—Introductory Sermon.
- III.—Report of Committee on Program.
- IV.—Reading of Letters.
- V.—Election of Officers.
- VI.—Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) Committee on Program.
 - (b) Committee on Next Association.
 - (c) Committee on S. S. Institutes.
 - (d) Committee on Obituaries
 - (e) Committee on Resolutions.
- VII.—Unfinished Business
- VIII.—Reports of Committees.
- IX.—Appointment of Missionary Committee.
- X.—New business
- XI.—Closing exercises by the Moderator.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.

II.—No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

III.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion made first and seconded.

IV.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same motion, without leave of the Association.

V.—Every question of debate to be decided by a majority of the members present.

VI.—Ministers and visiting brethren, entitled to seats, may speak on any subject, but vote on none.

VII.—Motions lost shall not be recorded in minutes, unless ordered at the time.

VIII.—If any proposition or motion under consideration contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each separately.

IX.—Arrangements for the next session of the Association shall not be made on the first day of the session.

X.—On opening of business the second day the roll of delegates sent by the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived stricken from the list; only the names of the ministers shall be inserted with the mark of absent.

XI.—The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

XII.—The Moderator may speak on any question, providing he calls some member to fill the chair.

XIII.—Any member about to speak shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

XIV.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to our churches great care in disciplining and excluding members, and we advise our churches to receive disaffected or excluded members from their sister churches to their fellowship with much discretion, and that this resolution be placed on our minutes statedly.

RESOLVED, That the Moderator appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

RESOLVED, That a Program Committee of five be appointed each year, which shall include the Clerk and Moderator of the Association, and a representative of the church where the next Association is to be held.

MINUTES.



FRIDAY MORNING.

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in the Baptist church, Blandinsville, Illinois, Sept. 15, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Alex McLean. In absence of the associational clerk, Rev. H. Weddington was elected clerk, pro tem. The Moderator then made appropriate remarks about the past and present history of the SALEM ASSOCIATION and about our esteemed fellow-workers whom God called home since our last meeting; also of the blessings we have received, both spiritual and temporal. The words, "Therefore Give" were also impressed upon the assembly.

The associational prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Cady.

The adoption of the report of the Program Committee was followed by the annual sermon. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. H. H. Depperman and Rev. F. P. Douglas delivered an excellent address. Text—1 Pet. iii:15; "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." His theme: Consecrated Lives.

Rev. E. C. Cady conducted a devotional service in which he presented "Jesus," the author and finisher of our faith.

Benediction by Rev. W. B. Hall.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting was opened with a song service followed by prayer and the reading of church letters. At 3:30 the letter reading was suspended for a 15-minute devotional service conducted by Rev. W. W. Morgan, which was highly enjoyed by all. The remainder of the letters were now read, a digest of which is given elsewhere. All but Farmers and Youngstown reported.

Brother George E. Pratt was elected to fill the vacancy as associational trustee caused by the removal of J. T. Malcom.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Moderator—Hon. Alex McLean, Macomb, re-elected.

Clerk—Rev. H. Weddington, Fandon, elected.

Treasurer—Rev. E. C. Cady, Stronghurst, re-elected.

Professor G. M. Potter was introduced and presented the cause of the Baptist college of Lagrange, Mo.

Dr. E. A. Stone then spoke in the interest of Shurtleff college.

of Upper Alton, Illinois. Shurtleff is the oldest Baptist college in the West and surrounds her students with Godly influences.

Adjourned at 5 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The opening service was followed by the reading of the *Constitution* and rules of order by the Moderator.

The time for the Doctrinal Sermon having arrived, Revs. W. B. Hall and W. W. Morgan read scripture lessons. Rev. A. Coffey offered prayer and Rev. J. W. Saunders delivered the discourse. Text—Rom. viii:14. "For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the children of God." His theme: The person, coming and work of the Holy Spirit. 1st. Two great events of prophecy, The coming of Christ and the Holy Spirit. 2d. Jesus comes and prays for the Holy Spirit to come and abide with him. Then he enters upon his work under the power of the Spirit. 3d. Christ promised the Holy Spirit to the church, that the church through him, might (a) convince the world of sin, etc. (b) Be led into all truth. (c) Have the abiding Comforter. 4th. He prepares for effective work.

By change of program, Rev. E. P. Brand was given time to speak about State Missions. He pleaded for the evangelization of Illinois, not for Illinois' sake but for America's. He pleaded for America, not for America's sake but for the world's. He pleaded for the world, not the world's sake but for Jesus' sake who so loved the world that he died to save it.

Adjourned 9:30.

SATURDAY MORNING.

At 9 a. m. The meeting was opened with song and prayer service, led by the Moderator, followed by the announcement of the following committees:

ON PROGRAM—The Moderator, Clerk and Rev. J. W. Case

ON NEXT ASSOCIATION—The Clerk, C. E. Perrine, Rev's. W. B. Hall, A. Coffey and J. W. Saunders.

ON OBITUARIES—Rev's. E. C. Cady, J. H. Delano, J. W. Case, Messrs. J. West and J. J. Greene.

ON RESOLUTIONS—Rev's. F. P. Douglas, H. H. Depperman, A. Coffey, Messrs. J. C. Cutler and J. Voorhees.

ON S. S. INSTITUTES—Rev's. O. J. Terrell, W. B. Hall, E. A. Stone and Ed Huey.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE—Rev's. E. C. Cady, J. W. Saunders, A. F. Houser, O. J. Terrell and Mr. N. Grigsby.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COMMITTEE—Mesdames G. E. Huston, M. E. Morgan and Jennie Martin.

The Ladies' Annual Business meeting convened at 10 a. m.

The committee on Nominations for the Woman's Missionary Society reported as follows: President, Miss Mary Foley of Macomb; Foreign Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Garnett of Carthage; Home Secretary, Miss Myrtle Botts of St. Mary's. Report adopted.

Miss Carrie Venard of Macomb read a letter from Miss Stella Ragon, a former resident of Macomb, now a Missionary at Maulmein, Burmah, describing the manners and customs of the people.

A report by Mrs. Strader, former Secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Society, was given and adopted.

Miss Ellen Sprague now addressed the Society. She gave a glowing account of the work done by the Woman's Home Mission Society among the Afro-Americans, Europeans, Indians, Mormons, Chinese, Swedes and Mexicans. Come help us in the call.

The Moderator again assumed the chair and the report of the former clerk, Brother Wood, was presented and adopted. His report for 1898 and 1899 is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Received for Minutes.....	\$41.11.
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EXPENDITURES.

For Minutes.....	25.00
For services....	10.00
For postage, etc.	5.00
For letter blanks....	.75
Bal. due clerk for 1898.....	2.74
Total	————— \$43.49
Balance Due Clerk.	2.38

A motion was made and carried that the amount \$2.38, due Bro. Wood, be paid.

A report of the Committee on the Stronghurst debt was presented and approved. The debt is provided for and the Association extended a vote of thanks to Rev. E. C. Cady for his most heroic labors.

Rev. O. J. Terrell conducted a devotional service which proved profitable to all.

The cause of the Ministers' Home at Fenton, Michigan, was presented by Bro. Terrell, after which an offering amounting to \$15.60 was taken.

Benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The session was opened with a song and prayer service, followed by the "Roll Call of Delegates."

BASCO—Rev. J. T. Westbrook and wife, Mesdames Rhodie Henderson and Jane Doty.

BETHEL—Rev. H. Weddington, S. T. Martin, Mrs. Agnes Hatfield, Misses Belle Cavett and Della Martin.

BLANDINSVILLE—Rev. J. H. Delano, S. J. Grigsby, R. Martin, Ralph Carroll, Dora Martin, J. M. Hardesty, Sisters Martha Mustain, R. Martin and Lou Grigsby.

BUSHNELL—Rev's. W. W. Morgan and wife, H. H. Depperman and wife, John Worden and Miss Myrtle Riepen.

CARMAN—Rev. E. C. Cady and Mr. J. C. Moore.

CARTHAGE—Rev's. W. B. Hall and A. F. Houser, J. C. Cutler and wife, S. Harnest and wife, Walton Harnest and Mesdames Huston and F. M. Cutler.

CEDAR CREEK—J. T. Pulliam, E. B. Stookey and wife, Mrs. Ella Welch, J. F. Welch and wife, J. I. Thompson.

ELDERVILLE—Hayes Daugherty and T. E. Daugherty.

ELVASTON—Mesdames Mary Baldwin, Della Garvey and Anna Lively.

HICKORY GROVE—Rev. A. F. Meacum, W. C. Smith and J. F. Miner.

GOOD HOPE—M. L. Woolery, Mrs. Hill, Norman Benjamin, Flora Bird and Mrs. Van Pelt.

LITTLETON—Rev. A. Coffey and wife, T. F. Pickard and D. W. Wells, Misses F. Lambert, Lora Little and Ella Lambert.

MACOMB—Rev. J. W. Case, Mary Foley, Carrie Venard, Alex McLean, Mrs. Clara Hollenbek, Carson and Otto Schnatterly, Addie Ross, F. A. Whipple, Nellie Murphy, Cora Wilkins, Charley Avery and David Shaffer.

PLYMOUTH—Rev. F. P. Douglas and wife, D. M. Parks and wife, John Walton.

RARITAN—Rev. C. L. Hamilton, I. D. Perrine, J. B. Philhower and Mrs. Elizabeth Hill.

ROSEVILLE—Rev. O. J. Terrell and wife, George Pratt and wife, Mrs. George Thayer and Mrs. Ferris.

ROZETTA—Rev. J. W. Saunders, J. J. Greene, Frank Brimhall and Kirby Saunders.

SCIOTA—J. A. Smith and wife, Mrs. J. W. Clark and daughter.

ST. MARY'S—Rev. F. P. Douglas, I. N. Jeffries, Ed Huey, Frank Talbot, Mrs. Maud Halbert, Walter Halbert and Olivia Huey.

STRONGHURST—Rev. E. C. Cady, J. M. West and wife, Henry Smith.

TENNESSEE—M. D. Martin and wife, L. Hunt, Mesdames M. Houk and Kate Waddill.

UNION—Mesdames C. J. Pickard and J. Shawler.

VISITORS—G. M. Potter of Lagrange, Mo., Revs. E. A. Stone D. D. of Upper Alton, Ill., E. W. Lounsbury D. D. of Chicago, J. B. Thomas D. D. of Chicago; Miss Ellen M. Sprague of Chicago and

J. T. Muir of Lagrange, Mo.

In the report of the Obituary Committee, special mention was made of the three Ministers who died in this Association the past year.

Rev. Samuel Pickard died at his home in Berwick, Aug. 18th, 1899, in his 79th year. His home was in Charleston, Iowa, most of his life, yet he has probably spent more than half his time on this side of the river. He did pioneer and pastoral work in Littleton, Union, Blandinsville, St. Marys, Carthage, Warsaw, Sciota, Youngstown, Basco, Plymouth and Rozetta, yea with nearly all our churches. More is due to his work than to any other who ever preached in our midst. His memory is blessed and his end peace.

Rev. G. E. Huston died June 11th, 1899, at Berwick where he had been pastor a short time. Aged 56 years. He was a member at Carthage where he had labored faithfully and successfully about five years. He was a pastor for 22 years.

Rev. A. J. Delano died at Cedar Creek, July 13, 1899. Aged 67 years. Also pastor at Tennessee. He was a faithful under-shepherd, a noble man and an able preacher.

The resolutions of the Tennessee Baptist Church concerning the death of their pastor were read and a motion was made and carried that the said resolutions be placed upon the records of the SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Committee on Next Association reports as follows:

"That this Association meet with the Bethel Baptist Church on Friday before the third Sunday of September, 1900. Introductory sermon by Rev. O. J. Terrell; alternate, Rev. W. B. Hall. Doctrinal sermon by Rev. J. W. Case; alternate, Rev. A. F. Houser."

Report adopted.

The Committee on Sunday School Institutes offered the following recommendations, which were adopted:

FIRST. That we most heartily commend the work done by our Brother Saunders during the past year as Superintendent of Sunday School Institutes, and commend him as a faithful worker, ready to assist in future Institute and Convention work.

SECOND. That the territory of the Association be divided into districts; the chairman of the committee to have charge of the work in Warren and Henderson counties, Rev. J. W. Case of Macomb to superintend the work in McDonough county, and Rev. W. B. Hall of Carthage to look after the work in Hancock county.

THIRD. That we hold in each of these districts at least one Annual Convention and Institute combined. In addition to this, so far as possible, an Institute be held during the year with each church in the Association.

FOURTH. That we co-operate as far as possible with our state worker in our associational work, and especially recommend to our Sunday Schools that they support in a financial way the work of our State Committee.

O. J. TERRELL,
E. A. STONE.
W. B. HALL.
ED HUEY.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and adopted.

Resolved, That we now and hereafter make a place on our program for the welcoming of new pastors into our Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the members of the Baptist Church of Blandinsville and community for the hearty and generous hospitality with which they have so kindly entertained the delegates and visitors of the Association, and we earnestly pray for God's richest blessings to rest upon them.

Resolved, That the letters from the different churches, sent to the association, be read either by the pastor or some delegate of each church conversant with the statistics and names found therein.

WHEREAS, It is the purpose of the Illinois State Mission Board to establish new churches and help weak ones to reach an ability of efficiency and self-support; and

WHEREAS, The local church is the fountain head of all beneficence; therefore

Resolved, That we regard the work of our State Missions as fundamental among all the objects of our benevolence, and that we recommend the churches of our Association and state that, while they do no less for other missionary enterprises, they give more thought, offer more prayer and contribute more largely of their means to the work in the state. If Illinois Baptists do not support this great work, it will not be sustained. A commander of an invading army must look well to his base of supplies. Let us do likewise. Let us multiply the fountains of beneficence, that a constant stream be ever flowing into the treasuries of all our missionary and other Christian enterprises.

WHEREAS, After careful consideration and investigation, either by conference or correspondence, among representative Baptists of the states of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota, it was deemed wise that the Baptists should take steps to provide for the care of dependent and destitute orphan and half-orphan children of Baptist parentage, and also those homeless ones whom circumstances place in such relation either to Baptist churches or individual Baptists as to seem to make it a duty to care for them, even though they are not of our fold.

WHEREAS, As a result of this investigation and consideration, there was organized, under the laws of the State of Illinois, THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, located at Berwyn, Chicago, Ill. The object of said Orphanage is to provide a home for the immediate care of the dependent orphans, but its chief work is to place these homeless little ones in Christian homes and secure their adoption into Baptist families.

WHEREAS, Careful and prayerful study of the question of the care of these orphans, of whom there must always be several hundreds of Baptist parentage among the more than 300,000 Baptists of these six states, has led to the conviction that Baptists ought not to leave this work to others, but that we should do it ourselves; therefore

Resolved, That we heartily endorse THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE and its purposes, and that we commend it to our churches as a worthy object of benefaction, and we recommend that this Association appoint a standing committee of one to be known as the Committee on Central Baptist Orphanage.

The Moderator appointed Rev. E. C. Cady as the committee.

WHEREAS, Sundry bills were introduced into the last legislature, all looking to the appointment of an educational commission with full power to supervise private and denominational institutions, and

WHEREAS, A similar bill is certain to be introduced into the next legislature, and

WHEREAS, Such legislation is inimical to denominational institutions and a violation of the accepted doctrine of the separation of church and state, and

WHEREAS, That we believe that sufficient wisdom resides in the membership

of the several denominations to conduct wisely their own institutions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deprecate all political interference with denominational institutions, and respectfully request our representatives to use all honorable means for the defeat of said legislation.

F. P. DOUGLAS,
J. VOORHEES,
H. H. DEPPERMAN,
A. COFFEY,
J. C. CUTLER,
Committee.

The Minutes of the B. Y. P. U are given elsewhere.

Rev. J. W. Saunders, Superintendent of Sunday School Institutes, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"Your Superintendent reports that during last year he has held five institutes, one at each of the following places: Bethel, Stronghurst, Bushnell, Oquawka and Blandinsville. Although in none except the last mentioned was there full representation, yet the work as presented seemed to be received with enthusiasm by those present."

A motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes, also authorizing the clerk to secure help before sending them for publication.

Adjourned at 5 p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING.

A song service was followed with prayer by Dr. Thomas.

According to the change of program, the time arrived for an address by Rev. W. B. Hall. Text—I. Tim. iii:15. His theme, "The Church's Mission," was earnestly and enthusiastically delivered.

After a short conference and a hymn, Dr. Lounsbury offered prayer and Rev. J. W. Case delivered an excellent address on, "Stakes". His thoughts were deep and earnestly expressed.

It was moved and carried that the clerk be allowed the usual fee of \$10.00 for his service.

Dr. Thomas pronounced the benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Sunday School opened at 9:30. The study of the lesson was conducted by Rev. E. C. Cady, after which an offering was taken for the Woman's Home and Foreign Missions, amounting to \$3.67.

Dr. J. B. Thomas earnestly presented the cause of Home Missions. This was followed by the announcements for the day and an intermission of five minutes.

At 11 o'clock the Association was called to order and the service was conducted by J. T. Muir, president of Lagrange College. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Saunders. Brother

Hall read the scripture lesson and Brother Muir gave a good address on, "The Law and Gospel."

Dismissed by Dr. Lounsbury.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting opened at 2.30 with a devotional service conducted by the Moderator, after which a portion of the eighth chapter of Romans was read by Rev. W. W. Morgan and an address was given by Rev. A. F. Houser upon Rom. 8:28. "All things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to his purpose."

Dr. E. W. Lounsbury addressed the Association in the interest of the American Baptist Missionary Union. Who will help us?

The contributions for ballance of expense amounted to \$8.77.

The Missionary Committee submitted the following report, which was approved:

We recommend the discontinuance of the effort to secure an Associational tent and authorize the chairman of the committee to return to the donors the amount advanced.

E. C. CADY,
N. GRIGSBY,
J. W. SAUNDERS,
O. J. TERRELL.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Reception Committee who so kindly and courteously provided for the comfort of delegates and visitors.

A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Myrtle Riepen of Bushnell for presiding at the organ.

No further business appearing, on motion the association adjourned to meet with the Bethel Baptist church, in 1900.

Benediction by Rev. W. B. Hall.



Ministers and Post Office Addresses.

*Alward, E.....	Plymouth, Ill.	*Houser, A. F.....	Elvaston, Ill.
Cady, E. C.....	Stronghurst, Ill.	*Ingram, V. B.....	Berwick, Ill.
Callaway, W.....	Lagrange, Mo.	Meacum, A. F.....	Macomb, Ill.
Case, J. W.....	Macomb, Ill.	*Metcalf, J. O.....	Macomb, Ill.
Coffey, A.....	Littleton, Ill.	Morgan, W. W.....	Bushnell, Ill.
Delano, J. H.....	Blandinsville, Ill.	Saunders, J. W.....	Rozetta, Ill.
*Depperman, H. H.....	Bushnell, Ill.	**Smith, W. J.....	Oquawka, Ill.
Douglas, F. P.....	Plymouth, Ill.	Terrell, O. J.....	Roseville, Ill.
*Foley, J. F.....	St. Mary's, Ill.	Weddington, H.....	Fandon, Ill.
Hall, W. B.....	Carthage, Ill.	*Westbrook, J. T.....	Basco, Ill.
**Hamilton, C. L.....	Raritan, Ill.	*Woods, Joseph.....	Plymouth, Ill.

*Not Pastors.
**Licentiates.

Home and Foreign Missions.

Following are the contributions for Home and Foreign Missions given by the Ladies' Aid and Mission Societies for the past year:

	HOME.	FOREIGN.
Blandinsville..... \$		5 00
Bushnell.....		4 00
Carthage.....		30 00
Macomb.....	8 30	19 85
Raritan.....	7 80	
Roseville.....	92 30	44 00
Tennessee.....	2 74	3 40
Total.....	\$ 111 14	\$ 106 25
Grand Total.....		\$ 217 39

[One report was not directly given, therefore does not appear here.—CLERK.]

MESSAGES.

Basco—We are enjoying much of God's grace but feel our need of deeper devotion to His cause. Our pastor, Rev. W. Callaway, is an earnest worker and we desire his service another year and pray the Lord of Harvest for success.

Bethel—We have full time service and through the faithful efforts of our pastor, Rev. H. Weddington, we are moving forward in all departments of our work. Rev. E. C. Cady helped us in a meeting last November which proved a great blessing to our church. Our pastor was ordained May 4, 1899. (The Association meets here in 1900.)

Blandinsville—The past year has not been one of ingathering but our prayer is that God will lead us. Our parsonage was destroyed by fire and a new one has been built which is occupied by our pastor, Dr. J. H. Delano. Our interest in missions should be increased.

Bushnell—The past year has been one of marked advancement for our church. Rev. W. W. Morgan is an efficient under-shepherd and we desire to secure his service for full time. Our regular meetings are well attended.

Carman—We are glad to meet with you again. Rev. E. C. Cady preaches to us from one-fourth to one-half time. The Sunday School is fairly well attended. We are weak in faith but weaker still in good works.

Carthage—Brother Huston's pastoral relation with this church ceased last October, but we believe the word he so faithfully preached to us will bring forth precious fruit. Rev. W. B. Hall began work with us, as pastor, last May and the outlook is brighter. Our Sunday School is flourishing. Some of our number have been called up higher.

Cedar Creek—Our trust is in God. Our pastor, Rev. A. J. Delano, was called home to glory and we are praying that God will send us another devout under-shepherd. We have a good Sunday School.

Elderville—The past year has brought us some new experiences. Rev. A. F. Houser held a meeting in which several were converted. Our church property is in good condition and we, as a church, desire help from the new missionary, Brother Davis.

Elvaston—This has been a prosperous year to us although there has been no ingathering. Rev. O. A. Gordan resigned last July and we are pastorless but hope to secure someone soon. We need help to sustain full time service.

Farmers—No letter.

Hickory Grove—The Lord has blessed us, yet we have nothing very encouraging to report. Since Rev. A. F. Meacum has become our pastor we have interesting meetings.

Good Hope—We come rejoicing for mercies bestowed upon us. As we have no pastor, Brother Cady often comes and breaks unto us the bread of life, and much good has been accomplished. We have painted and repaired our house of worship and souls have been added unto us.

Lee—We have little to write as we have had preaching but a few times in the past year. Rev. W. W. Morgan has preached four sermons to us since early last summer but has been prevented from doing more. We hope to enjoy more of his labors in the near future.

Littleton—Rev. S. A. Douglas, who had preached so acceptably for four years, closed his work with us in June, 1898. We were then without a pastor until January, 1899, when Rev. A. Coffey of Wamego, Kan., in response to our call, settled with us and has been preaching regularly ever since. We held a jubilee meeting in celebration of the semi-centennial of the church's existence, on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10, as that closed the Sunday services for the fifty years. Revs. Wm. Steward of Quincy, who was pastor 43 years ago, John Knowles, who was pastor twice, over 30 years ago, and Dr. J. H. Delano of Blandinsville, who was pastor 27 years ago, were present and did excellent preaching, besides giving very interesting

reminiscences of former struggles and labors.

Macomb—We have enjoyed the labors of Rev. J. W. Case and his estimable wife since Nov. 23, 1898. Last February we were assisted by Rev. Geo. H. Thompson, of Waterloo, Iowa, in a series of meetings which resulted in many conversions and a quickening of the church membership. The chapel work is very satisfactory and the young people's societies, Senior and Junior, have been a strong force in the church. We have excellent prayer meetings.

Mt. Pleasant—No letter.

Oquawka—Bro. Stickle resigned last April after laboring with us for two years. We have laboring with us a student for the ministry, Bro. Smith of Aledo. He is an earnest Christian worker and we are expecting great things of the Lord through his labors. Our Sabbath school is on the increase.

Plymouth—Rev. F. P. Douglas began his work with us for one-half time last October. He has a large field of labor and is doing much pastoral work. We held a series of meetings last winter which were conducted by the pastor. We have some reasons for encouragement. Our prayer meetings have increased in spirituality.

Raritan—Bro. R. M. Wood left us on the 23rd of January to become the pastor of the church at Cambridge, Ill. On April 1st we called Bro. C. L. Hamilton, of Geneseo, Ill., as pastor. He is a faithful and devoted worker in every department of the church. Our congregations are good and the prayer meetings fairly well attended.

Roseville—The services of the church are well attended and a good degree of interest manifested. During the year we have purchased a new organ and have just put in electric lights. There is a good degree of interest in the Sunday School and Union, and we hope to do still better work in the future.

Rozetta—As a church we rejoice in peace, fellowship and the preaching of the word. We held a series of meetings last winter but can report no conversions. We are hoping for a revival in the near future. Our Sunday School, prayer meeting and Union are all doing fairly well. All however need a deeper consecration to the Lord's service.

Sciota—Rev. G. W. Shadwick has closed his pastorate with us after preaching faithfully to us for five years. It is with sadness that we record the death of Bro. John Logan, one of the oldest settlers of McDonough county. He was born in Indiana, Oct. 13, 1824, and died Nov. 6, 1898. He was the son of Rev. John and Nancy Logan, well known pioneers of this county.

St. Mary's—We have enjoyed the labors of Rev. F. P. Douglas, half time for two years. We have good congregations on preaching days except during the severe winter months. A history of the church is being written and will be ready for publication some time this month.

Stronghurst—We still enjoy the labors of Rev. E. C. Cady as pastor. We have pledged \$1,002 on the church debt and secured from others in and around Stronghurst \$159.50, making a total for us of \$1,161.50. We secured from outsiders \$620, nearly all of which has been paid in. We have paid off nearly \$1,200 but still owe the Home Mission society about \$600, but this sum is not only pledged but the donors have promised to pay it in before the 1st of December, 1899.

Tennessee—Last February the church called Rev. A. J. Delano, of St. Louis, as pastor for half time. He was a faithful, earnest pastor and the work in every department was making some sure progress. Bro. Delano was called Home. Our Sunday School is interesting and our Mission Band, though few in number, has much to praise God for.

UNION.—We have the services of Rev. W. W. Morgan half time. We have nothing of interest to report as our church is very cold spiritually. We expect to hold a series of meetings soon and ask the prayers of God's people.

Union Grove—Our former pastor, Rev. S. A. Douglas, who organized our church, continued to preach to us until June, 1898. In January, 1899, we co-operated with the Littleton church in settling Rev. A. Coffey, who preaches for us every other Sunday afternoon.

Youngstown—No letter.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

In Loving Remembrance of Those Who Died in the
Lord During the Past Year.

“They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that
day when I make up my jewels.”

- Basco—Henry Groom, aged 77 years. Joan Mason.
Bethel—Henry Cavett, aged 22 years, died Nov. 3, 1898.
Blandinsville—Amanda Hainline. Jervis Morgan.
Berwick—Rev. Samuel Pickard, died Aug. 18, 1899, aged 79 years.
Bushnell—Thomas Rockey, died Feb. 1, 1899, aged nearly 90 years. Ann Rockey,
died May 21, 1899, aged 81 years. Sarah Dixon, died Feb. 21, 1899, aged
73 years.
Carthage—Rev. G. E. Huston, died June 11, 1899, aged 56 years. G. W. Haynie,
died Dec. 10, 1898. Minnie Fletcher, died Sept. 30, 1898. Mattie Huston,
died Oct. 4, 1898. Nathan Cutler, died Dec. 26, 1898.
Hickory Grove—Lizzie Smith, died May 28, 1899, aged 59 years.
Littleton—Nancy Elliott, died May 3, 1899, aged 60 years. William Sellars, died
Jan. 10, 1899, aged 65 years. James Daugherty, died Jan. 17, 1899, aged
74 years. John Cagle, died Jan. 3, 1899, aged 70 years.
Macomb—Joseph Blount, died Feb. 2, 1899, aged 76 years. Nettie Maxwell, died
Aug. 31, 1899, aged 33 years.
Plymouth—Lucinda Holton, died March 1, 1899, aged 81 years. Elenor Romick,
died March 31, 1899, aged 81 years. E. A. Davis, died Aug. 27, 1899, aged
83 years.
Raritan—W. G. Hill, died Oct. 25, 1898, aged 84 years.
Rozetta—Ann M. Thomas, aged 67 years.
Roseville—Edith Russell, died March 6, 1899, aged 18 years.
Sciota—John Logan, died Nov. 6, 1898, aged 74 years.
Tennessee—Rev. A. J. Delano, died July 13, 1899, aged 67 years.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This organization shall be known as the “SALEM BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.”

ART. II.—Each Sabbath School in the Salem Convention shall be entitled to send five delegates, in addition to their pastor and superintendent.

ART. III.—The object of the convention shall be the advancement of the cause of Sabbath Schools within its bounds.

ART. IV. - The officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, and discharge the usual duties pertaining to their several offices.

ART. V.—The Sabbath Schools composing this body shall furnish at each annual meeting full and accurate statistical reports, with an account of their progress and prospects.

ART. VI.—This convention shall meet annually on the day preceding the regular meeting of the SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be called to order by the Moderator or Clerk, or, in their absence, some other person.

ART. VII.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

The Association Committee on Institutes shall make arrangements for all future Conventions

MINUTES.

The Salem Baptist Sunday school convention convened in the Blandinsville Baptist church, Thursday morning, Sept. 14, 1899, and was called to order by Rev. J. W. Saunders, who was elected chairman and Rev. W. B. Hull, secretary.

The convention was opened with a devotional service conducted by Bro. Saunders.

The morning and afternoon sessions were given to a study of the Old Testament, interspersed with appropriate devotional exercises.

Addresses were made on the following subjects:

“The Captivity of the Ten Tribes.”

“Building of the Second Temple.”

“The Captivity of Judah.”

“Rebuilding of Jerusalem.”

“The Close of the Old Testament Prophecy.”

“The Lapse of Time Between the Close of Prophecy and the Coming of Christ.”

All these subjects were ably discussed and heartily entered into by the brethren.

Dr. E. A. Stone, State Sunday School Superintendent for Northern Illinois, was present and took part in the discussions with the brethren.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After a devotional service led by the chairman, Dr. Stone gave an excellent address on, "State Sunday School Work." His thoughts were wholesome, therefore highly enjoyed by all.

An offering was made for the State Work amounting to \$5.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Following the opening service, Rev. F. P. Douglas spoke on, "The Kingdom of Christ," which was followed by a short conference.

A spirit of harmonious Christian fellowship and brotherly love prevailed throughout the convention.



BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION. CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME: The name of this society shall be the BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION of the Salem Baptist Association.

ART. II.—OBJECT: The object of this association shall be the unification of Baptist young people: their increased spirituality: their stimulation to Christian service: their edification in scriptural knowledge: their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations.

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Union shall consist of accredited delegates from Young People's Societies in the Baptist Churches of the Salem Baptist Association, and from Baptist Churches within the same limits having no young people's organizations.

ART. IV.—REPRESENTATION: Representation shall be on the basis of five delegates for every twenty members or less, and one for each additional ten in each young people's society. In a church in which no young people's society exists, the church shall be entitled to five delegates for every fifty members or fraction thereof. Delegates shall be admitted only on credentials certified by an officer of the young people's society, or by the clerk of that church in which no young people's organization exists.

ART. V.—OFFICERS: The officers shall be a President, one Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. Each of these persons shall perform the duties usual to their respective offices, and shall be elected annually by ballot.

ART. VI.—BOARD OF MANAGERS: The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Union and at least three additional members, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. The Board of Managers shall be empowered to employ such agencies as may be necessary to extend and cultivate Baptist young people's organizations.

ART. VII.—MEETING: The Union shall meet at such time and place as the Union or Board of Managers may appoint.

ART. VIII.—AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, notice thereof having been published three months previously.

MINUTES.

The annual meeting of the SALEM BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION convened in the Blandinsville Baptist church at 3:30 p. m. Saturday, Sept 16, 1899.

In absence of the President, R. M. Wood, the B. Y. P. U. business meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. Ralph Carroll of Blandinsville, Ill.

Vice President—Rev. H. Weddington of Fandon, Ill.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Lou Grigsby of Blandinsville, Ill.

Mrs. O. J. Terrell of Roseville, associational Junior leader.

Our new president assumed the chair and reports from the following Unions were read:

Bethel, Blandinsville, Bushnell, Good Hope, Littleton, Macomb, Plymouth, Roseville, Raritan and Rozetta.

REPORT OF JUNIOR WORK IN THE ASSOCIATION.

Junior Unions.	Leaders and Addresses.	When Organized...	Active Members....	Associate Members....	Total	C. C. Course...	Number added last year....	Benevolence...	Conversions last year....
Littleton..	Miss Jennie B. Wells, Littleton.....	1898	....	32	32	....	....	....	....
Roseville..	Miss Elsie Stem, Roseville.....	1894	12	17	29	....	4	\$14 48	3
Raritan....	Miss Lizzie Crist, Raritan.....	1897	12	27	....	5	7	....	5
Macomb...	Miss Nettie Long, Macomb.....	1891	33	5	38	....	7	10 00	5
Totals.....			57	81	99	5	18	\$24 48	13

Mrs. O. J. Terrell, Roseville, Ill., Associational Junior Leader.

Owing to the absence of our former President the work has been somewhat neglected and some confusion was experienced.

The report of the former President was presented and adopted.

We endeavored to have two rallies, one at Bethel and another at Blandinsville, but they were almost a failure on account of bad weather.

RECEIPTS.

Received.....\$2.00

EXPENDITURES.

Postage, etc.....\$2.20

Channon's car fare..... 3.82

Total.....\$6.02

Total indebtedness to President..... 4.02

A motion carried that the amount, \$4.02, due Rev. R. M. Wood be paid.

After several talks on systematic giving the meeting was adjourned until Sunday evening.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The Union devotional service was conducted by the President. A letter of greeting from Dr. Chivers was read in which he urged the young people to greater efforts.

Dr. E. W. Lounsbury delivered an excellent address before the Union on, "Like Unto the Son," in which he admonished all to *shine*. To shine, near, far and always, for Jesus who loves us.

An offering for Union expense was taken amounting to \$5.18.

Rev. J. W. Case of Macomb conducted the closing Consecration service in which many expressed their enjoyment of all the sessions. Many pronounced this the best meeting of the association they ever attended.

A good spiritual interest was enjoyed throughout the session. Benediction by Rev. E. C. Cady.

B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS.

UNIONS.	Presidents and P. O. Addresses.	Corresponding Secretaries and P. O. Addresses.	Number Members....	Finance and Benevolence.				
				State Missions....	Local Expenses...	Home and Foreign Missions.....	Benevolence	Total
Bethel.....	John Martin, Colchester.....	Otto Schnatterly, Fandon.....	35	\$ 89	\$ 3 53	\$ 7 09	\$.....	\$ 11 51
Blandinsville.....	Ralph Carroll, Blandinsville.....	Miss Orpha Prather, Blandinsville.....	30	....	....	3 00	....	3 00
Bushnell.....	Miss Myrtle Riepen, Bushnell..	Mrs. M. E. Morgan, Bushnell.....	12	....	....	....	....	....
Littleton.....	Cyrus Weber, Littleton.....	Olive Crawford, Littleton.....	32	....	....	....	....	....
Macomb.....	J. W. Stuart, Macomb.....	Miss Bertha Ragon, Macomb.....	66	....	150 70	39 55	....	190 25
Raritan.....	Roy L. Tharp, Raritan.....	C. E. Perrine, Raritan.....	23	....	6 62	16 25	1 75	24 62
Roseville.....	Miss Edna Anderson, Roseville.	Mrs. O. J. Terrell, Roseville.....	38	....	62 40	10 00	9 00	86 40
Rozetta.....	Marion Allaman, Rozetta.....	Clara Pollard, Rozetta.....	26	5 00	75	....	6 00	6 75
Plymouth.....	Jennie Basco, Plymouth.....	Dollie Wright, Plymouth.....	20	....	....	....	....	....
Total.....	.....	.....	282	\$5 89	\$224 00	\$75 89	\$16 75	\$322 53

[Some of the reports were not handed in. -Clerk.]

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

SCHOOLS.	Superintendents and P. O. Addresses.	No. of Schools....	Officers and Teachers.....	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment.....	Average Attendance	Volumes in Library.....	Number Baptized	Contributed to Missions.....	Total
Basco.....	O. K. Huff, Basco.....	1	9	40	49	22	...	...	\$	4 01
Bethel.....	Carson Schnatterly, Fandon.....	1	20	64	84	42	...	...	...	10 43
Blandinsville.	Rev. J. H. Delano, Blandinsville....	1	12	100	112	60	...	...	4 00	52 00
Bushnell.....	Mrs. M. E. Morgan, Bushnell.....	1	14	45	59	40	...	2	4 25	35 57
Carman.....	Thomas Howell, Carman.....	1	4	60	64	30	...	...	...	30 00
Carthage.....	J. E. Garnett, Carthage.....	1	16	130	146	58	144	...	28 06	94 61
Cedar Creek...	Joseph Bean, Colchester.....	1	12	48	60	40	...	...	...	25 00
Elderville.....	Mrs. L. Stinson, Elderville.....	1	9	26	35	30	...	3	...	7 05
Elvaston.....	Thomas Garvey, Elvaston.....	1	9	42	51	35	...	...	4 00	29 50
Good Hope....	Norman Benjamin, Good Hope.....	1	6	...	...	29	...	4	...	16 50
Hickory Grove	William Smith, Table Grove.....	1	13	40	53	30	...	...	2 50	7 26
Lee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Littleton.....	T. F. Pickard, Littleton.....	1	12	100	112	60	...	...	...	13 50
Macomb.....	J. E. Talbot, Macomb.....	2	34	248	282	182	...	17	6 96	151 50
Oquawka.....	A. E. Forgey, Oquawka.....	1	9	41	50	28	...	...	...	21 11
Plymouth.....	W. D. Ralston, Plymouth.....	1	9	40	49	35	...	3	...	17 86
Raritan.....	C. E. Perrine, Raritan.....	1	9	50	59	37	...	5	4 00	29 97
Roseville.....	R. L. McReynolds, Roseville.....	1	15	90	105	55	...	6	68 18	107 90
Rozetta.....	Ross Brimhall, Rozetta.....	1	10	68	78	39	50	...	...	28 89
Sciota.....	J. A. Smith, Sciota.....	1	10	30	40	32	...	...	...	27 00
St. Mary's....	Robert Hoskins, St. Mary's.....	1	12	70	82	55	93	...	...	20 00
Stronghurst ..	Mrs. L. Wilson, Stronghurst.....	1	7	40	47	25	...	...	...	20 00
Tennessee	M. D. Martin, Tennessee.....	1	8	45	53	40	...	1	2 00	18 00
Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Grove..	S. D. McLain, Industry.....	1	8	62	70	45	...	...	...	10 00
Youngstown..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	24	267	1,479	1,740	1,049	287	41	\$123 95	\$777 69

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Pastors and Post Office Addresses.	Clerks and Post Office Addresses.	When Constituted..	Membership Last Year	MEMBERSHIP.							Present Member- ship.....
					Increase.			Decrease.				
					Baptisms...	Letter.....	Restoration.	Conf's.Faith	Letter.....	Exclusions..	Deaths.....	
Basco.....	Rev. W. Callaway, Lagrange, Mo.	J. F. Crear, Basco.....	.....	80	2	2	.....	1	1	2	76	
Bethel.....	Rev. H. Weddington, Fandon.....	Mrs. Agnes Hatfield, Fandon.....	1872	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	33	
Blandinsville.	Rev. J. H. Delano, Blandinsville	Fannie B. Blandinsville	.....	189	1	2	1	2	3	2	186	
Bushnell.....	Rev. W. W. Morgan, Bushnell...	Mrs. S. Riepen, Bushnell.....	1862	66	9	4	.....	4	3	3	70	
Carman.....	Rev. E. C. Cady, Stroughurst.....	Miss Marie Burnett, Carman.....	1894	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	
Carthage.....	Rev. W. B. Hall, Carthage.....	Mrs. J. E. Garnett, Carthage.....	1855	187	.....	5	.....	2	.....	5	185	
Cedar Creek...	.....	E. B. Stookey, Blandinsville.....	1867	85	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	83	
Eldersville.....	.....	Margaret Ashlock, Eldersville.....	1843	33	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	38	
Elvaston.....	.....	Mrs. Anna Lively, Elvaston.....	.....	44	.....	2	.....	4	.....	1	41	
Farmers.....	.....	.....	1871	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Good Hope.....	.....	Norman Benjamin, Good Hope.....	1887	18	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	25	
Hick'ry Grove	Rev. A. F. Meacum, Macomb.....	William Smith, Table Grove.....	1877	52	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	52	
Lee.....	.....	Mrs. M. E. Douglass, Prairie City.	1849	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	18	
Littleton.....	Rev. A. Coffey, Littleton.....	Miss Jennie B. Wells, Littleton...	.....	192	4	.....	.....	5	3	4	145	
Macomb.....	Rev. J. W. Case, Macomb.....	Mary Chandler, Macomb.....	1857	265	23	13	4	7	3	2	293	
Mt. Pleasant..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Oquawka.....	Rev. W. J. Smith, Oquawka.....	Miss Louise Yerger, Oquawka.....	1871	38	4	2	1	.....	1	.....	44	
Plymouth.....	Rev. F. P. Douglas, Plymouth...	D. M. Parks, Plymouth.....	1857	85	4	6	.....	3	3	.....	89	
Raritan.....	Rev. Chas. L. Hamilton, Raritan	Edwin Vorhees, Raritan.....	1858	101	5	1	2	4	3	10	91	
Roseville.....	Rev. O. J. Terrell, Roseville.....	Josephine McReynolds, Roseville.	1852	178	8	1	.....	2	1	1	184	
Rozetta.....	Rev. J. W. Saunders, Rozetta.....	C. E. Duke, Reed.....	1857	115	1	.....	.....	2	1	15	97	
Sciota.....	.....	J. W. Clarke, Sciota.....	1870	50	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	47	
St. Mary's.....	Rev. F. P. Douglas, Plymouth...	Myrtle Botts, St. Mary's.....	1837	172	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	167	
Stroughurst...	Rev. E. C. Cady, Stroughurst.....	Mrs. Henry Smith, Stroughurst...	1889	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	
Tennessee.....	.....	Mrs. Jennie Martin, Tennessee...	1860	41	1	3	.....	.....	1	1	43	
Union.....	Rev. W. W. Morgan, Bushnell...	William Clague, Larchland.....	.....	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	
Union Grove..	Rev. A. Coffey, Littleton.....	Mrs. Susan McLain, Industry.....	1895	12					1		11	
Youngstown...			1862	38							38	
				2287	67	47	1	11	48	18	2287	
											72	

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FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Value of Church Property.			Current Expenses.			Missions.							Grand Total.....		
	Meeting Houses..	Seating Capacity	Parsonages..	Total.....	Home Church Expenses	Home S. S. Expenses..	Printing Minutes...	State Missions..	Home Missions..	Foreign Missions..	Bible and Pub. Works	Baptist Orphans' Home.....	Ministers' Home or Education.		Other Expenses..	Total Benevolence
Basco.....	\$ 1,200	280	.....	\$ 1,200	\$ 230 00	\$ 4 01	1 05	\$	\$	2 50	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1 50	\$ 4 00	\$ 239 00
Bethel.....	750	275	.....	750	239 65	10 43	1 75	89	4 79	2 30	2 68	.....	.....	3 53	14 19	266 02
Blandinsville.	4,000	2 0	2,000	6,000	1,089 00	52 00	3 00	19 00	.....	5 00	2 50	11 00	3 00	100 40	140 90	1,284 90
Bushnell.....	3,000	450	.....	3,000	367 90	31 32	1 25	13 13	3 70	7 00	.....	.....	.....	6 84	30 67	431 14
Carman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	30 00	1 00	5 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	143 00
Carthage.....	6,000	400	.....	6,000	1,059 81	66 55	3 55	5 00	16 50	40 75	7 35	.....	.....	44 06	113 66	1,243 57
Cedar Creek...	1,000	300	.....	1,000	250 00	25 00	70	5 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 05	280 75
Eldersville...	1,600	300	.....	1,600	15 04	7 05	75	.....	.....	.....	1 62	.....	.....	6 65	8 27	31 11
Elvaston.....	2,500	250	.....	2,500	284 50	25 50	1 75	5 00	2 00	8 00	3 00	.....	.....	4 00	22 00	333 75
Good Hope....	700	150	.....	700	.....	16 50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	45 00	62 00
Hickory Grove	1,200	300	.....	1,200	66 35	4 76	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 50	30 50	102 61
Lee.....	600	175	200	800	4 00	.....	50	1 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 55	6 05
Littleton.....	1,200	300	800	2,000	520 00	13 50	1 60	10 35	8 91	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 26	564 36
Macomb.....	7,600	400	.....	7,600	1,159 69	151 5	4 50	29 21	46 30	48 00	6 96	.....	3 00	310 75	444 22	1,759 91
Oquawka.....	4,000	400	.....	4,000	370 00	21 11	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	392 11
Plymouth.....	3,000	250	1,000	4,000	424 34	17 86	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 70	.....	1 65	4 75	8 10	452 30
Raritan.....	2,500	250	.....	2,500	500 00	25 97	2 50	.....	15 30	6 25	6 00	.....	23 50	36 62	87 67	616 14
Roseville.....	10,000	500	2,000	12,000	874 32	39 72	3 00	37 61	131 50	162 81	12 58	2 50	5 00	*181 38	533 38	1,450 42
Rozetta.....	1,500	300	1,150	2,650	602 28	28 89	2 00	16 50	24 00	40 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	87 50	720 67
Sciota.....	1,500	300	500	2,000	320 00	27 00	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	348 40
St. Mary's.....	1,800	400	.....	1,800	380 15	20 00	3 00	.....	8 00	.....	5 85	.....	6 95	20 0	49 80	443 95
Stronghurst...	3,000	250	.....	3,000	100 00	20 00	1 00	11 00	5 00	12 50	00	.....	.....	†515 00	544 50	665 50
Tennessee....	800	200	.....	800	75 00	16 60	60	.....	2 74	3 40	1 38	.....	.....	2 10	9 52	101 12
Union.....	1,000	350	.....	1,000	252 70	.....	1 75	2 50	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	256 95
Union Grove..	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	10 00	40	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 20	65 60
Youngstown..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Collect at As'n	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 60,450	7,030	\$ 7,650	\$ 68,100	\$ 9,334 73	\$ 664 67	\$ 50 32	\$ 164 14	\$ 272 54	\$ 357 56	\$ 59 62	\$ 13 50	\$ 43 10	\$ 1,309 98	\$ 2,219 44	\$ 12,261 39

*\$25 for Grand Island College and \$25 by Brother Mitchell for Foreign Missions. †\$515 on church debt.

ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.

Anniversary.	Year.....	No. Baptised.	No. Churches	No. Members	Where Held.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Preacher.
1	1834	22	9	181	New Hope.....	John Logan...	D. Lenox.....	Joel Sweet
2	1835	17	12	217	Centerville....	John Logan...	D. Lenox.....	John Clark
3	1836	8	14	256	Concord.....	John Logan...	D. Lenox.....	John Logan
4	1837	28	16	374	New Hope.....	Ezra Fisher...	J. Parks.....	B. M. Parks
5	1838	12	16	314	Warsaw.....	Ezra Fisher...	S C Thompson	Ezra Fisher
6	1839	38	16	291	Payson.....	Ezra Fisher...	Robert C Kay.	Norman Parks
7	1840	22	7	184	Cedar Fork...	John Logan...	James Tucker	John Logan
8	1841	27	7	200	New Hope.....	J. D. Newell..	James Tucker	J. D. Newell
9	1842	31	7	205	Littleton.....	John Logan...	James Tucker	John Logan
10	1843	39	10	377	Berwick.....	John Logan...	B. C. Hord....	Thomas Holman
11	1844	68	10	446	Carthage.....	J. Hovey.....	B. C. Coghill..	J. Hovey
12	1845	17	10	448	Oxford.....	John Logan...	B. C. Coghill..	Joseph Botts
13	1846	22	10	489	Monmouth....	J. Hovey.....	B. C. Hord....	Jacob Bowers
14	1847	27	10	500	New Boston ..	E. Miner.....	Thos. Holman	E. Miner
15	1848	45	11	554	Bethel.....	Joel Sweet....	James Tucker	A. Gross
16	1849	50	13	593	Berwick.....	Joel Sweet....	James Tucker	R. Weston
17	1850	34	15	644	Fall Creek....	Joseph Botts..	James Tucker	J. Trower
18	1851	49	15	710	New Hope.....	Jacob Bowers	James Tucker	W. T. Bly
19	1852	38	18	809	Union.....	Joseph Elliott	W. T. Bly....	Tom Camp
20	1853	68	19	807	Lee.....	Joseph Elliott	W. T. Bly....	Joseph Elliott
21	1854	136	23	963	St. Mary.....	R. Newton....	James Tucker	J. K. Berry
22	1855	97	25	1123	Mt. Pleasant..	R. Newton....	B. C. Coghill..	R. Newton
23	1856	105	25	1063	Monmouth....	W. F. Forest.	B. C. Coghill..	W. F. Forest
24	1857	46	27	980	Berwick.....	W. F. Forest.	B. C. Coghill..	Anson Tucker
25	1858	113	27	1151	Hillsboro	W. F. Forest.	B. C. Coghill..	H. S. P. Warren
26	1859	78	28	1001	Fall Creek....	W. F. Forest.	B. C. Coghill..	S. P. Ives
27	1860	138	25	1048	Independence	DW Litchfield	E. Mitchell...	H. S. P. Warren
28	1861	83	25	1131	Plymouth....	W. F. Forest.	E. Mitchell...	W. F. Forest
29	1862	155	25	2186	Prairie City...	J. O. Metcalf..	P. P. Shirley..	D. B. Gunn
30	1863	112	25	1570	Blandinsville.	J. O. Metcalf..	R. L. Colwell..	W. R. Welch
31	1864	72	26	1515	Carthage.....	J. O. Metcalf..	J. Elliott.....	H. H. Parks
32	1865	114	22	1592	Roseville	Norman Parks	J. Elliott.....	J. O. Metcalf
33	1866	174	23	1456	Fall Creek....	W. R. Welch..	B. C. Coghill..	H. H. Northrup
34	1867	80	23	1452	Union.....	A. Jones.....	J. E. Bosler...	C. A. Hewett
35	1868	100	23	1456	St. Marys....	Norman Parks	J. E. Bosler...	L. Osborne
36	1869	157	24	1355	Raritan.....	J. L. Benedict	J. E. Bosler...	J. L. Benedict
37	1870	168	24	1578	Macomb	L. Osborne....	J. E. Bosler...	L. Osborne
38	1871	34	24	1428	Oquawka	J. L. Benedict	J. E. Bosler...	E. Russ
39	1872	204	26	1756	Blandinsville.	I. N. Hill.....	J. E. Bosler...	N. Kinnie
40	1873	145	26	1955	Bushnell.....	N. Kinnie....	J. E. Bosler...	L. Osborne
41	1874	258	28	2229	Sciota.....	J M Harington	J. H. Delano..	H. H. Parks
42	1875	231	27	2376	Roseville	Alex McLean.	J. H. Delano..	I. N. Hobart
43	1876	242	27	2494	Macomb	Alex McLean.	G. D. Kent....	S. H. D. Vanghall
44	1877	296	30	255	Fall Creek....	Alex McLean.	G. D. Kent....	Norman Parks
45	1878	78	32	2576	Carthage.....	Alex McLean.	G. D. Kent....	E. C. Cady
46	1879	58	31	2500	Union.....	SJM McCormick	G. D. Kent....	W. D. Clark
47	1880	78	32	2500	St. Marys....	SJM McCormick	G. D. Kent....	J. C. Hart
48	1881	58	30	2084	Blandinsville.	E. C. Cady....	E. Rogers.....	Wm Swinden
49	1882	88	30	2150	Littleton.....	Alex McLean.	E. Rogers.....	J. E. Todd
50	1883	100	27	2089	Bethel	Alex McLean.	J. W. Saunders	R. C. Ray
51	1884	99	27	2010	Bushnell.....	Alex McLean.	A. R. Newton.	I. C. Fahis
52	1885	57	28	1825	Sciota.....	Alex McLean.	A. R. Newton.	J. W. Saunders
53	1886	117	29	2146	Macomb	Alex McLean.	A. R. Newton.	J. H. Delano
54	1887	122	30	2093	Oquawka	A. R. Newton.	G. E. Eldredge	J. F. Foley
55	1888	43	30	2015	Roseville	A. R. Newton.	G. E. Eldredge	JM Titterington
56	1889	158	28	2027	Plymouth....	J. F. Foley....	HB Waterman	J. T. Malcom
57	1890	112	29	1936	Carthage	S. Pickard....	J. T. Malcom.	E. B. Dillard
58	1891	120	29	1875	Blandinsville.	S. Pickard....	J. T. Malcom.	A. B. Rhodes
59	1892	129	28	1932	Rozetta.....	Alex McLean.	J. T. Malcom.	V. B. Ingram
60	1893	101	29	1948	St Marys....	Alex McLean.	J. T. Malcom.	H. H. Depperman
61	1894	149	27	2046	Roseville	Alex McLean.	J. T. Malcom.	W. J. Sanborn
62	1895	138	28	2041	Littleton.....	Alex McLean.	J. T. Malcom.	R. J. Church
63	1896	157	28	2132	Macomb	Alex McLean.	J. T. Malcom.	S. A. Douglas
64	1897	97	28	2236	Union.....	Alex McLean.	R. M. Wood..	G. W. Shadwick
65	1898	138	28	2221	Raritan.....	Alex McLean.	R. M. Wood...	W. W. Morgan
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HELD WITH THE
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

September 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1900.

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NEXT ANNIVERSARY

to be held with the Carthage Baptist church, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. E. C. Cady; Alternate, Rev. W. M. Perry. Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. W. T. Richardson; Alternate, Rev. J. F. Foley.

DIAGRAM OF WHEEL PLAN.

	Sept. Oct.	Nov. Dec.	Jan. Feb.	Mar. Apr.	May. June.
1st Dist.	State Missions	Edu- cation	Foreign Missions	Publica- tion Society	Home Missions
2nd Dist.	Education	Foreign Missions	Publica- tion Society	Home Missions	State Missions
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CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—This Association shall be known as the “SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION” of Illinois, and shall be composed of delegates only who shall be members or pastors of the churches belonging to this body, which they represent, except such brethren as shall be invited to seats by consent of the body.

ART. II.—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty members.

ART. III.—The object of this Association shall be to promote union and harmony among the churches, and to advise and recommend such measures as are thought best calculated to advance the Redeemer's kingdom in the bounds of this Association and throughout the world.

ART. IV.—The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.

ART. V.—The Moderator shall preside, and lead in transactions of the body, and see that order and decorum are observed.

ART. VI.—The Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of the business transactions during the session, and shall take charge of the records and papers of the body and shall conduct the correspondence.

ART. VII.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same, and the purpose for which they are designed, pay them out according to the order of the Association, and report the state of the Treasury before the close of each session.

ART. VIII.—The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall continue in office until the enrollment of members at the succeeding session of the body.

ART. IX.—It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their letters and delegates to the Association an account of the state of their respective churches; particularly of the additions and diminutions within the year, and generally whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion, and money to pay for printing the minutes.

ART. X.—Churches that wish to be received into the Union may apply by letter and delegates, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in the faith and correct in practice, may be received, and as a token of the same the Moderator shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ART. XI.—As an associated body, we utterly disclaim all or any power over the churches in respect to their independence or discipline; yet the Association, when it has reason to believe that any church connected with this body has become unsound in the faith or disorderly in practice, shall use suitable means to restore such, and failing of success, shall drop it from the minutes.

ART. XII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations and any religious body it may think proper.

ART. XIII.—This Association shall meet annually at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the third Lord's Day in September, at such place as shall be previously determined upon; at 11 o'clock a. m. a Doctrinal Sermon, bearing on our distinctive principles, shall be preached, by such brethren as the body shall have appointed, and motion for final adjournment shall not be entertained till the close of the exercises Lord's Day evening.

ART. XIV.—Any church failing to represent itself by letter or otherwise for two consecutive years, shall be stricken from the minutes, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. XV.—This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the body by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. XVI.—This Association shall appoint annually a Missionary Committee of five, whose duty it shall be to aid weak and destitute churches in securing preaching, to form plans for the occupation of destitute fields, to recommend the appointment of

missionaries by the Board of the Baptist General Association of Illinois, to labor within the bounds of this Association, to superintend this work, and assist in securing collections from each of our churches for their support. This committee shall present annually a written report to the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I.—Association called to order.
- II.—Introductory Sermon.
- III.—Report of Committee on Programme.
- IV.—Reading of Letters.
- V.—Election of Officers.
- VI.—Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) Committee on Programme.
 - (b) Committee on Next Association.
 - (c) Committee on S. S. Institutes.
 - (d) Committee on Obituaries.
 - (e) Committee on Resolutions.
 - (f) Committee on State of Religion.
- VII.—Unfinished Business.
- VIII.—Reports of Committees.
- IX.—Appointment of Missionary Committee.
- X.—New Business.
- XI.—Closing Exercises by the Moderator.

RULES OF ORDER.

- I.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.
- II.—No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
- III.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion made first and seconded.
- IV.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same motion, without leave of the Association.
- V.—Every question of debate to be decided by a majority of the members present.
- VI.—Ministers and visiting brethren, entitled to seats, may speak on any subject, but vote on none.
- VII.—Motions lost shall not be recorded in minutes, unless ordered at the time.
- VIII.—If any proposition or motion under consideration contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each separately.
- IX.—Arrangements for the next session of the Association shall not be made on the first day of the session.
- X.—On opening of business the second day the roll of delegates sent by the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived stricken from the list; only the names of the ministers shall be inserted with the mark of absent.
- XI.—The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.
- XII.—The Moderator may speak on any question, providing he calls some member to fill the chair.
- XIII.—Any member about to speak shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.
- XIV.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches great care in disciplining and excluding members, and we advise our churches to receive disaffected or excluded members from their sister churches to their fellowship with much discretion, and that this resolution be placed on our minutes statedly.

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Resolved, That a Programme Committee of five be appointed each year, which shall include the Clerk and Moderator of the Association, and a representative of the church where the next Association is to be held.

Resolved, That we make a place on our Program for the welcoming of new pastors into our Association.

MINUTES.



FRIDAY MORNING.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Session of the Salem Baptist Association convened in the Bethel Baptist church, Fandon, Ill., Sept. 14, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, Alexander McLean, and after making a few appropriate remarks he extended a cordial welcome to all in the beautiful words, "This is your Father's house and all children are welcome home."

Rev. E. C. Cady offered the opening prayer.

The adoption of the Program was followed by the annual sermon. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Stephenson and a most excellent sermon was given by Rev. O. J. Terrell. Text, Matt. 28:19—Christ's last command. Christ's knowledge of the Father and of the world sent Him on his mission of salvation. Man's knowledge of Christ is his commission to "Go," "Make Disciples" "Of All Nations."

A devotional exercise was led by Rev. W. B. Hall, after which all the pastors and visiting ministers present were introduced to the Association. Twenty were present and two came later.

Rev. E. M. Stephenson offered the closing prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The opening song service was conducted by Dr. J. H. Delano, and followed by the reading of the Church letters.

At 3:20 the letter reading was suspended and Rev. E. M. Stephenson gave a profitable address on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society, after which the letter reading was concluded. A digest of letters is given elsewhere. All churches reported but Youngstown.

The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Moderator—Hon. Alexander McLean, Macomb, Ill.

Clerk—Rev. H. Weddington, Fandon, Ill.

Treasurer—Rev. E. C. Cady, Monmouth, Ill.

The clerk presented a report of the receipts and expenditures for the past year as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Minute money from churches	-	-	\$40	55
Collection at Association	-	-	8	77
Total			\$49	32

EXPENDITURES.

Programs for 1894	-	-	-	-	\$	2	50
Programs for 1899	-	-	-	-		2	69
Drafts	-	-	-	-	-		15
Rev. R. M. Wood	-	-	-	-		2	38
Printing of Minutes	-	-	-	-		21	00
Stationery and Stamps	-	-	-	-		5	00
Clerk's Service	-	-	-	-		10	00
Letter Blanks	-	-	-	-		1	00
Programs for 1900	-	-	-	-		2	10
Total	-	-	-	-	-	\$46	82
Balance on hand	-	-	-	-		\$2	50

The clerk was allowed the \$2.50 which remained in the treasury. Adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The opening exercise was followed with an address on "State Missions," by Rev. E. P. Brand.

The clerk was instructed to have a diagram of the Wheel Plan printed in the minutes.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Program—The Moderator, Clerk, and Revs. W. B. Hall and F. P. Douglas.

On Next Association—Revs. W. B. Hall, O. J. Terrell, C. L. Hamilton, V. B. Ingram, and Mr. M. T. Winslow.

On Obituaries—Revs. E. C. Cady, J. H. Delano, W. B. Hall, and Messrs. Ruben Martin and F. M. Cutler.

On Resolutions—Revs. J. F. Foley, J. Shaw, A. F. Houser and Messrs. Ralph W. Carroll and Norman Benjamin.

On Sunday School Institutes—Revs. O. J. Terrell, W. B. Hall, F. P. Douglas and W. T. Richardson.

Missionary Committee—Revs. E. C. Cady, W. E. Andereck, W. M. Perry and Messrs. Charles Thompson and D. M. Parks.

Woman's Missionary Committee—Mesdames F. M. Cutler, D. M. Parks and S. E. Strader.

Rev. A. F. Houser then preached the doctrinal sermon. Text, Matt. 22:42—"What Think Ye of Christ?" Introduction

—The text suggests the God-given privilege to every man, to think for himself, untrammelled and unfettered. Man's life and acts are the results of his thoughts, and the holier the object of his thoughts, the holier his life becomes.

I. What think ye of Christ in his divinity? Creator and God; filling immensity with his presence.

II. Christ in his humanity? Creature, sacrifice; accursed and crucified.

III. Christ in His Gospel? a. Contrast with heathenish religions. b. Lives despite all persecutions and false professors.

IV. Christ in man, the hope of glory? a. Deliverance and victory. b. Intercessor and eternal judge. c. Eternal shout: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."

Rev. F. P. Douglas offered the closing prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Rev. J. Shaw conducted the devotional exercises.

Unfinished business was called for and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a standing committee be appointed, whose duty is to report on the state of Religion within the bounds of this Association.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator: Revs. J. H. Delano, E. C. Cady and W. B. Hall.

A motion carried to suspend rule No. 10, and have the roll call of delegates at the opening of the afternoon session.

At 10 o'clock business was suspended for the Ladies' Business session.

Mrs. J. E. Garnett of Carthage conducted the Ladies' session.

In absence of the secretary, Mrs. Jennie Martin was elected secretary *pro tem*.

The report of the Committee on Nominations for the Woman's Missionary Society was presented and adopted as follows:

President—Mrs. J. E. Garnett of Carthage.

Foreign Secretary—Mrs. O. J. Terrell of Roseville.

Home Secretary—Mrs. F. P. Douglas of Blandinsville.

Rev. Joseph Paul, a returned missionary from Assam, gave a very interesting address.

Miss Ellen M. Sprague of Chicago addressed the Society in the interests of the Woman's Missionary work. An offering was taken, amounting to \$6.50, which was divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The opening song service was followed by the roll call of delegates.

Bethel—Rev. H. Weddington, S. T. Martin, H. E. Robinson, Mrs. E. Holstine, and Miss Blanche Robinson.

Blandinsville—Rev. F. P. Douglas and wife, Ruben Martin and wife, Sisters S. E. Strader and Fannie Bristol.

Bushnell—Rev. W. W. Morgan, Misses Minnie Spurgeon, Ellen Creager, Natalia Weirather and Mrs. Mary Culp.

Carman—Rev. E. C. Cady.

Carthage—Revs. W. B. Hall and A. F. Houser, Chas. Thompson, Fred Harnest and wife, F. M. Cutler and wife, and Mrs. J. E. Garnett.

Cedar Creek—Rev. W. E. Andereck, W. D. Welch, Joseph Bean, E. B. Stookey and wife, and Elsie Welch.

Elderville—W. W. Ashlock.

Elvaston—Rev. J. Shaw and wife, Mrs. Anna Lively and Miss Fisher.

Good Hope—Mrs. C. E. VanPelt and Norman Benjamin.

Hickory Grove—Rev. A. F. Mecum, Isaac Neff, Harriet Neff, William Blazier and wife and Mrs. A. Blazier.

Littleton—Dr. J. H. Delano, Mr. and Mrs. Webber, M. O. Snider, Misses Ollie Snider and Jennie B. Wells.

Macomb—Rev. W. T. Richardson, M. T. Winslow, Misses Mary Chandler and Nellie Murphy and Alexander McLean.

Plymouth—S. M. Talbot, George McDaniel and wife, D. M. Parks and wife.

Raritan—Rev. C. L. Hamilton, N. Smith and Miss Carrie Venard.

Roseville—Rev. O. J. Terrell and wife, Clarence Wickersham, Frank Byarly, Misses Gertrude Pratt, Olive Day and Jennette Davenport.

Rozetta—Rev. J. Wood Saunders, J. J. Green and J. H. Allaman.

Sciota—Rev. W. M. Perry, J. A. Smith and wife.

St. Mary's—Rev. J. F. Foley, P. C. Huey, I. N. Jefferies, J. I. Botts and J. B. Jackson.

Stronghurst—Henry Smith and Mrs. Nancy Foote.

Tennessee—Rev. W. E. Andereck, Lee Hunt and wife and Samuel Moon.

Union—Rev. V. B. Ingram, S. H. Hickman and wife and William Clague and wife.

The following visitors were present:

Dr. J. B. Thomas of Chicago, Rev. E. M. Stephenson of Chicago, Rev. A. C. Kelly of Chicago, Rev. E. B. Brand of

Normal, Rev. E. F. Corfield of Pasadena, Cali., Rev. A. H. Scott of Springfield, Rev. W. P. Throgmorton of Du Quoin, Rev. Joseph Paul of La Grange, Miss Ellen M. Sprague of Chicago.

The reports of the following committees were presented and adopted:

The committee on next Association recommending that this Association meet with the Carthage Baptist Church on Friday, before the third Sunday of September, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. Annual sermon to be preached by Rev. E. C. Cady; alternate, Rev. W. M. Perry. Doctrinal sermon by Rev. W. T. Richardson; alternate, Rev. J. F. Foley.

The committee on Sabbath School Institutes reported as follows:

There have been some special difficulties in connection with Sunday School Institute work during the past year, but we are glad to report two conventions: One at Macomb and the other at Roseville. The committee also arranged for the Annual Convention, held in connection with the Association.

Report adopted.

The Sabbath School work will be conducted after the same plan as last year. Rev. O. J. Terrell superintends the work in Warren and Henderson counties. Rev. W. T. Richardson in McDonough county and Rev. W. B. Hall in Hancock county. Rev. F. P. Douglas was appointed general assistant.

The report of the Obituary committee was adopted and is recorded elsewhere.

RESOLUTIONS.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and adopted.

Resolved, That we regard the work of State Missions as fundamental among all the objects of our benevolence, and that we recommend that the work in the state have a large place in the thoughts, prayers and contributions of Baptists.

Resolved, That this Association commend the work of our three great denominational societies, "The Missionary Union," "Home Missions," and "The American Baptist Publication Society," with their auxiliaries, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and we ask that our Churches make regular and liberal contributions to the support of the same.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of your committee that the attitude of the pastors and delegates toward the Women's session of the Association is, to say the least, very neglectful, and

WHEREAS, The woman's Missionary work is as important as any other in the Association, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Moderator be instructed to remain in the chair, and the delegates in the church during the session conducted by the ladies, and that the Woman's work and the Baptist Young People's Union be under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

WHEREAS, The Baptist Young People's Union of this Association has become a mighty and growing power for good in the churches, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That their business is deserving of more time for its transaction at these annual meetings, and be it

Resolved, That hereafter two complete sessions of these annual meetings be given to the Baptist Young People's Union.

Resolved, That we make a place on our program for the welcoming of new pastors into our Association, and we recommend that this become a standing resolution.

WHEREAS, The liquor interest of our Nation is constantly enlarging its baneful influences, and

WHEREAS, It is undermining the safety of our homes, and through them, our Nation, and

WHEREAS, It is supported and promoted by vicious legislation, and

WHEREAS, It is following our flag into the islands of the sea to the destruction of the higher and holier principles of our glorious country, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deplore the blindness of the church of Jesus Christ to this gigantic evil, and pray that we may be aroused to the sense of our duty as Christian citizens, and during the coming campaign and election we act as becometh men and voters saved by grace, and only vote for principles that mean ultimately the destruction of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the members of the Bethel Baptist Church, and through them to the community, for the hearty and generous hospitality with which they so kindly entertained the delegates and visitors of the Association, and we earnestly pray for God's richest blessings to rest upon them.

A motion was carried to the effect that either Sabbath School or Baptist Young People's Union delegates may be added as delegates of churches until the constitutional number to which they are entitled, has been reached.

This session closed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Hall.

SATURDAY EVENING.

At 7 o'clock a devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. W. E. Andereck, after which an excellent sermon was delivered by Dr. J. H. Delano. Text, Heb. 4:12.

Rev. W. B. Hall also preached an excellent sermon.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. A. H. Scott.

SUNDAY MORNING.

A study of the Sunday School lesson found in Luke, 12:13 to 23, was conducted by Rev. E. C. Cady, after which Rev. Alfred C. Kelly presented the cause of the Central Baptist Orphanage, of Auburn park, Chicago.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. F. Foley and the thought of fruit bearing was clearly presented.

The morning sermon was preached by Rev. F. P. Douglas in his usual earnest and enthusiastic manner. Text, Rev. 22:12—"Christ Coming Again." An overflow meeting was held near the church, conducted by Dr. J. B. Thomas and Rev. Alfred C. Kelly.

Dr. J. H. Delano preached at Whiteflock at the same hour and all these services were highly enjoyed by large and interested congregations.

Benediction by Rev. V. B. Ingram.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. W. E. Ander-
eck and followed with a good sermon by Rev. V. B. Ingram,
Text, John 1:9.

Dr. J. B. Thomas delivered the Home Mission address from
the "new view point," in an earnest and enthusiastic manner.

Benediction by Rev. J. H. Delano.

SUNDAY EVENING.

After the Baptist Young People's Union session the Modera-
tor took the chair and business was finished.

A motion carried, recommending the Churches of the Asso-
ciation to take an offering for the Ministers' Home of Fenton,
Mich., within the next three months.

The following committee was appointed to represent the in-
terests of the Central Baptist Orphanage of Chicago, in this Asso-
ciation: Revs. E. C. Cady, W. B. Hall and O. J. Terrell.

It was moved and carried that the clerk be allowed the usual
fee of \$10.00 for his service.

A resolution was adopted, recommending that the programs be
printed at least two weeks before the meeting of the Association.

It was moved and carried that Rule Eleven be suspended,
thereby dispensing with the reading of the minutes to the Associ-
ation, but for the clerk to have them printed.

No further business appearing, on motion the Association
adjourned to meet with the Carthage Baptist church, in 1901.

Benediction by Rev. A. H. Scott.



Ministers and Postoffice Addresses.

Andereck, W. E.	Plymouth, Illinois.	Meacum, A. F.	Macomb, Illinois.
Cady, E. C.	Monmouth, Illinois.	*Metcalf, J. O.	~~Macomb, Illinois.~~ <i>died 10-20-1900</i>
Delano, J. H.	Monmouth, Illinois.	Morgan, W. W.	Bushnell, Illinois.
*Depperman, H. H.	Bushnell, Illinois.	Perry, W. M.	Burlington, Iowa.
Douglas, F. P.	Blandinsville, Illinois.	Richardson, W. T.	Macomb, Illinois.
*Foley, J. F.	St. Mary's, Illinois.	Shaw, J.	Elvaston, Illinois.
Hall, W. B.	Carthage, Illinois.	Scruggs, A. A.	Oquawka, Illinois.
*†Holden, S. D.	Berwick, Illinois.	Terrell, O. J.	Roseville, Illinois.
Hamilton, C. L.	Raritan, Illinois.	Weddington, H.	Fandon, Illinois.
**Houser, A. F.	Elvaston, Illinois.	*Westbrook, J. T.	Basco, Illinois.
Ingram, V. B.	Berwick, Illinois.	*Woods, Joseph.	Plymouth, Illinois.
*Not pastor.	†Licentiate.	*Evangelist.	

Home and Foreign Missions.

Following are the contributions for Home and Foreign Mis-

sions given by the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies for the past year:

	HOME.	FOREIGN.
Basco.....	\$ 15 00	\$ 3 50
Bushnell.....		28 65
Carthage.....	15 00	16 45
Macomb.....		3 30
Plymouth.....	1 00	5 00
Raritan.....	92 46	50 79
Roseville.....	1 00	
Tennessee.....		
Total.....	\$ 124 46	\$ 107 69
Grand Total.....		\$ 232 15



MESSAGES.

Basco—We cannot give a very glowing account of our condition as a Church, but we desire better things. We have Sabbath School every Sunday. Our sewing society meets every week and we expect to have weekly prayer meetings hereafter. Affliction has visited us. In the death of Brother O. K. Huff our Church lost a strong worker. He was a noble, honest and conscientious young man, always ready to give of his means and time for the good of the cause. He died in the triumph of a living faith. We have half time preaching by Rev. J. Shaw.

Bethel—The past year has not been one of ingathering but God has blessed us in our work. We have secured our pastor's service for another year and we desire greater growth. Our Sabbath School and Baptist Young People's Union are doing good work and are well attended. We are planning for a series of meetings soon. Pray for the Bethel Church.

Blandinsville - Our Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. F. P. Douglas since April 1, is prospering. There have been 34 accessions since he came. His wife is a faithful and devoted worker in every department of our Church. A series of meetings was held in June, conducted by Evangelists Love and Jewel, and many professed faith in God, and the membership was quickened. These brethren are consecrated Christian workers. Our prayer meetings are interesting and well attended. The Sabbath School is increasing in number and interest. The Baptist Young People's Union is in a prosperous condition. All committees provided by the Constitution, have been appointed and are working. The Christian Culture Course will be taken up.

Bushnell—We are greatly encouraged. God has blessed us in granting us the ability to have our beloved pastor's services for full time. Brother Davis held a series of meetings here last January. The Church was considerably revived and strengthened under his preaching. Our membership was increased by 12 accessions during the year. The prayer meetings are well attended, especially by the young members.

Carman - We hold our services in a house used by other denominations, and have the Word faithfully preached unto us every two weeks by Rev. E. C. Cady. Our Sabbath School and Sabbath services are increasing in interest and attendance and we believe the labors of our pastor have been greatly blessed, and that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Carthage—We cannot report any material progress. We have had several accessions, but the loss, by death and otherwise, exceeds the gain. We are glad, however, to report larger contributions for benevolent purposes, and we hope to grow in this good work. The Sabbath School interest is increasing. Our newly elected superintendent is an efficient worker and we hope to accomplish much. The Gospel has been earnestly and faithfully preached by our pastor, who is much loved by the Church and congregation. (The Association meets here in 1901.)

Cedar Creek—Since last year we enjoyed a two weeks' series of meetings, conducted by Evangelist Houser, in which a few were saved and a number of the Christians awakened and quickened. Brother Houser assisted us in settling a pastor. We have highly enjoyed the labors of Rev. E. W. Andereck since last November. He was ordained March 8, 1900. We have had preaching and Sabbath School every Lord's Day since he came, and the services are well attended. Pray for us.

Elderville - Our church is not in a very flourishing condition, as a number of the members are so far from the church. Our working force is quite small, but we were greatly revived and strengthened through the preaching of Rev. John Lane in a meeting last March. We organized a prayer meeting and meet every Wednesday evening. Rev. J. Shaw has been preaching one sermon every two weeks since last spring and the general interest is increasing.

Elvaston—We are glad to meet with you again. We have half time preaching by Rev. J. Shaw, whose sermons are inspiring and instructive and much appreciated by the congregation. We have painted our church. We are praying for more grace. One of our number was called Home.

Farmers—We have been without a pastor for two years except for a few months last year when Rev. H. H. Depperman of Bushnell preached for us. We try to keep up our regular church meeting but without a pastor we succeed very poorly. We need a good pastor. We yet hope to grow for the Master's service and glory.

Good Hope—Since April 29, Rev. E. C. Cady has been preaching for us half time, and has laboured faithfully and earnestly to encourage and strengthen our Church, and is endeavoring to aid us in settling a pastor. Deacon Elijah S. Smith was called Home. He was an excellent Christian man and loyal to the cause and the Church.

Hickory Grove—We have great reasons for thankfulness. Pastor Meacum, assisted by Brother Anthony, conducted a series of meetings last winter which were profitable to the Church. Six were added to our number and the Christians were revived. We have a very interesting Sabbath School.

Littleton—We are enjoying much of God's grace but we need deeper devotion to His cause. Brother Coffey's pastoral relation with us ceased Jan. 1, 1900, and Rev. J. H. Delano was called. Our congregations are large, and our Sabbath School, Prayer Meetings and Union are doing fairly well. All have a deep need of consecration to the Lord's service. We held a series of meetings last winter which lasted but two weeks owing to stormy weather.

Maconb—We are grateful to God for having spared our lives to labor for Him, but we deplore our weakness. Rev. J. W. Case severed his pastoral relation with us Aug. 1, and accepted a call to Detroit, Mich. Rev. W. T. Richardson was called as pastor and began his labors with us Sept. 5. We need not an increase in membership so much as we need earnestness of purpose.

Oquawka—God is good. We have prospered, both spiritually and temporally. During last March a series of meetings was conducted by Evangelist Palmer and wife, which was helpful to the Church and resulted in an addition of 19 souls to our number. Rev. W. J. Smith closed his pastorate with us in July and Rev. A. A. Scruggs accepted a call as pastor.

Plymouth—The pastor, assisted by Dr. J. H. Delano, conducted a series of meetings last winter, but the results were not what we desired. The pastorate of Brother Douglas closed here on April 1, and he accepted a call to Blandinsville. We regretted very much to give him up. Without a pastor we are growing negligent. While surrounded with discouragements, a faithful few live in hope. Rev. W. E. Andereck has accepted a call for half time.

Raritan—We have great reasons to rejoice, for during the year many souls were saved, and also to sorrow for those who were called hence. Four members of the Salvation Army with the pastors of the village held a meeting last winter which resulted in about 30 conversions, and 13 of this number united with our church. Brother Hamilton preaches to large congregations. Attendance at prayer meetings is increasing. The Baptist Young People's Union work could be better. The Juniors are doing well.

Roseville—We have enjoyed in many respects, a most prosperous year. We labor together for the advancement of the great work. We have expended considerable in church improvements, yet our offerings for benevolence are no less. Our membership has been increased by 12 additions. There is a good degree of interest in the main Sabbath School, with a Home Department class of 25. The record of attendance and interest taken in the Young People's Society shows the past year to have been one of the best. The greatest harmony between pastor and people prevails, and, with the continued presence of our Master, who loved the church and gave himself for it, we anticipate both pleasure and usefulness in His service. (The Association was invited here.)

Rozetta—During the year we have made some little progress. We have been favored with the preaching of the Word full time, until the past few weeks, by Bro. Saunders. In December our pastor was assisted in a series of meetings by Rev. A. F. Houser, who most faithfully preached unto us. Our membership was quickened and there were eight additions by baptism. Brother Saunders closes his pastorate with us this month, and we desire another pastor. We feel the need of a live and energetic pastor and ask the assistance of this body in securing one. We have a prosperous Sabbath

School and Baptist Young People's Union, both of which are doing valuable work in preparing workers for the church

Sciota—We cannot report any accessions this year. Rev. A. A. Scruggs held a few days' meeting with us last winter, but we quit because of unfavorable weather. We call Rev. W. M. Perry of Burlington Institute, as pastor for half time. The services are well attended and we hope for better things.

St. Mary's—During the past year we have enjoyed the labors of Brother Douglas until March, since which time we have had no pastor. When we had preaching our congregations were large and the attendance at Sabbath School has been excellent. We need love and spirituality.

Stronghurst—We are pastorless, but are in the midst of a revival conducted by Evangelists Love and Jewel, who have been laboring faithfully for three weeks, and 28 have professed faith in Christ. Owing to our financial embarrassment we are unable to support a pastor.

Tennessee—Rev. W. E. Andereck accepted our call to the pastorate, and we have enjoyed his earnest and faithful preaching so much. A meeting was conducted by Brother Andereck of Juda, Wis., nearly two weeks, and he was called back home. Evangelist Houser then continued the meetings, which resulted in several conversions but no accessions to the Church. Our Sabbath School is interesting and doing good work. The Mission Circle is doing well.

Union—The past year has not been very fruitful with us. A lack of devotion and various changes have hindered our spiritual growth. Brother Morgan closed his work with us Dec. 1. Rev. V. B. Ingram took charge of the work in February, and we have had services every Sunday. Our Sabbath School is maintained and we are planning for a series of meetings in October.

Union Grove - We have the services of Rev. J. H. Delano every two weeks on Sunday afternoon. We expect to hold a series of meetings soon. Pray for us.



IN MEMORIAM.

In Loving Remembrance of Those Who Died In the
Lord During the Past Year.

“They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that
day when I make up my jewels.”

Basco - D. R. Huff, died May 23, 1900, aged 23 years.

Blandinsville - Joseph Bond, aged 73 years. Rhoda Bozarth and Carrie Seybold.

Bushnell - Mrs. Hannah A. Brown, died Nov. 29, 1899, aged 75 years.

Carman - Brother Coats.

Carthage - Mrs. Louisa Kelly, died April 8, 1900, aged 65 years. Mrs. Sarah Wock
died July 19, 1900, aged 85 years.

Elvaston - Sarah Phelps, died Feb. 12, 1900, aged 60 years.

Farmers - Harvey Baldwin and Mrs. James Parker.

Good Hope - Deacon Elijah S. Smith, died Oct. 3, 1899, aged 84 years.

Littleton - Nancy Greer, died Jan. 14, 1900, aged 79 years. August Miller, died Feb.
13, 1900, aged 71 years.

Oquawka - Elizabeth Shuck, aged 81 years.

Plymouth - Aaron Woodard, died April 16, 1900, aged 79 years. Ollie Thompson,
died Dec. 21, 1899, aged 15 years.

Raritan - Adam Crist, died Nov. 4, 1899, aged 69 years. Sarah Sweesey, died Feb. 15,
1900, aged 73. Edgar Staates, died Aug. 13, 1900, aged 18 years.

Roseville - Sophia Watson.

St. Mary's - Sarah Berry, died March, 1900. Mary Francis Botts, died April 19, 1900,
aged 67 years. Robert Huey, died July 12, 1900, aged 40 years.

Union - Timothy Thomas, died April 5, 1900, aged 70 years.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION. CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This organization shall be known as the "SALEM BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION."

ART. II—Each Sabbath School in the Salem Convention shall be entitled to send five delegates, in addition to their pastor and superintendent.

ART. III—The object of the convention shall be the advancement of the cause of Sabbath Schools within its bounds.

ART. IV—The officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, and discharge the usual duties pertaining to their several offices

ART. V—The Sabbath Schools, composing this body, shall furnish at each annual meeting full and accurate statistical reports, with an account of their progress and prospects.

ART. VI—This convention shall meet annually on the day preceding the regular meeting of the Salem Baptist Association, and shall be called to order by the Moderator or Clerk, or, in their absence, some other person.

ART. VII—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

The Association Committee on Institutes shall make arrangements for all future Conventions.

MINUTES—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Salem Baptist Sabbath School Convention convened in the Bethel Baptist Church, Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13, 1900, and was called to order by Rev. O. J. Terrell, who was elected chairman, and Rev. W. B. Hall, secretary.

The convention was opened with a devotional exercise, after which the following topics in a study of the life of Christ in outline were ably discussed. (1) The Period of Preparation. (2) The Year of Obscurity, A. D. 27. (3) The Year of Popularity, A. D. 28. The Year of Opposition, A. D. 29. The Year of Death, A. D. 30.

Thursday evening Dr. E. A. Stone gave an excellent address on "To Be or Not To Be." Are our Bibles, Churches and Homes to be preserved? At the close of the address an offering was taken for the state Sabbath School work, amounting to \$4.36.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Friday morning the general subject, "The Sabbath School and its Scholars," was heartily discussed by the brethren from the following topics: (1) Membership. (2) Attendance. (3) Home Study. (4) Training.

At 9:50 the Convention was adjourned for the regular session of the Association.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME: The name of this Society shall be the BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION of the Salem Baptist Association

ART. II.—OBJECT: The object of this association shall be the unification of Baptist young people; their increased spirituality; their stimulation to Christian service; their edification in scriptural knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations.

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Union shall consist of accredited delegates from Young People's Societies in the Baptist Churches of the Salem Baptist Association, and from Baptist Churches within the same limits having no young people's organizations.

ART. IV. REPRESENTATION: Representation shall be on the basis of five delegates for every 20 members or less, and one for each additional ten in each young people's society. In a church in which no young people's society exists, the church shall be entitled to five delegates for every 50 members or fraction thereof. Delegates shall be admitted only on credentials certified by an officer of the young people's society or by the clerk of that church in which no young people's organization exists.

ART. V.—OFFICERS: The officers shall be a President, one Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. Each of these persons shall perform the duties usual to their respective offices, and shall be elected annually by ballot.

ART. VI.—BOARD OF MANAGERS: The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Union and at least three additional members, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. The Board of Managers shall be empowered to employ such agencies as may be necessary to extend and cultivate Baptist young people's organizations.

ART. VII.—MEETING: The Union shall meet at such time and place as the Union or Board of Managers may appoint.

ART. VIII.—AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, notice thereof having been published three months previously.

MINUTES.

The Baptist Young People's Union of Salem Association met with the Association in its 67th annual session with the Bethel Baptist Church of Fandon.

The business session was called to order by the President. Prayer was offered by Rev. O. J. Terrell. In absence of the Secretary, Rev. W. M. Perry was elected Secretary *pro tem*.

The following delegates were present:

Bethel—Rev. H. Weddington, Misses Della Martin and Blanche Robinson.

Blandinsville—Ralph W. Carroll, Cliff Prather, Bert Martin, Miss Orpha Prather and Mrs. A. E. Strader.

Bushnell—Misses Ella Creager and Natalia Weirather.

Carthage—Rev. W. B. Hall.

Littleton—Mr. and Mrs. Weber, Misses Ollie Snyder and Jennie B. Wells.

Roseville—Misses Jeannette Davenport and Gertrude Pratt, Clarence Wickersham and Frank Byarly.

Raritan—Rev. C. L. Hamilton, N. Smith and Miss Carrie Venard.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Ralph W. Carroll, Blandinsville, Ill.

Vice President—Rev. W. B. Hall, Carthage, Ill.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Lou Grigsby, Blandinsville, Ill.

Bert Martin, Revs. O. J. Terrell and W. M. Perry were elected as additional members of the Board of Managers.

Miss Myrtle Reipen of Bushnell is . Associational Junior leader.

Rev. W. P. Throgmorton made a few excellent remarks on the vital features of the work.

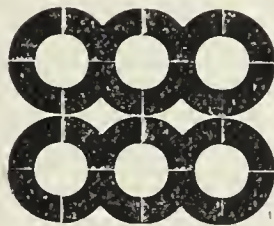
Report of Secretary and Treasurer:

Expended by President	-	-	-	\$2 00
Cash on hand	-	-	-	35
Received by offerings	-	-	-	3 33
Total	-	-	-	\$3 68
Paid to President	-	-	-	\$2 00
Balance on hand	-	-	-	\$1 68

SUNDAY EVENING.

Rev. O. J. Terrell conducted the devotional exercises, after which Dr. J. B. Thomas preached a good sermon. Text, Heb. 12: 27. Theme—"Some Certainties of the Gospel."

Adjourned.



B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS.

Senior Union.	Presidents and P. O. Addresses.*	Corresponding Secretaries and P. O. Addresses.*	Finance and Benevolence.				
			State Missions	Local Ex- penses.....	Home and Foreign Missions.....	Benevolence..	Total.....
Bethel.....	C. W. Schnatterly, Fandon.....	Miss Jessie Hoyt, Fandon.....	\$ 3 00	\$ 15 00	\$.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 17 00
Blandinsville.....	Theodore Martin.....	Miss Orpha Prather.....	.....	16 36	.....	11 64	31 00
Bushnell.....	Mauley Saunders.....	Miss Myrtle Riepen.....	.....	21 01	.....	9 91	30 92
Carthage.....	C. M. Duncan.....	Miss Carrie Thompson.....	.....	11 13	2 00	1 00	14 13
Macomb.....	J. W. Stuart.....	Miss Nellie Murphy.....	.....	35 00	.....	5 00	40 00
Raritan.....	(No Report).....	C. E. Perrine.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roseville.....	Mrs. Rhoda Hope.....	Miss Edna Anderson.....	5 00	8 85	10 00	12 00	35 85
Rozetta.....	Miss Myra Saunders.....	Miss Eva Warner.....	.....	77	.....	.....	77
Total.....			\$8 00	\$108 12	\$12 00	\$41 55	\$169 67

Junior Unions.	Leaders and P. O. Addresses.*	Conversions Last Year.....				
		When Organized.....	Active Members..	Asso'te Members.	Total.....	.....
Blandinsville.....	Mrs. F. P. Douglas .....	.....	10 26	.....	36	.....
Carthage .....	.....	.....	14 ..	.....	14	.....
Macomb.....	Miss Nettie Long.....	1891	28 5	.....	33	.....
Raritan.....	Miss Lizzie Crist. (No report).....	1897	12 27	.....	39	.....
Roseville.....	Miss Elsie Stem.....	1894	12 18	.....	30	.....
Total.....			76 76	.....	152	.....
Miss Myrtle Riepen of Bushnell, Ill., Associational Junior Leader.						5

*When omitted same as church.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

SCHOOLS.	Superintendents and P. O. Addresses.*	No. of Schools....	Officers and Teachers.....	Scholars Enrolled.....	Total Enrollment....	Average Attendance....	Volumes in Library.....	No. Baptized.....	Contributed to Missions	Home S. S. Expense.....	Total.....
Basco	Rev. J. T. Westbrook	1	9	40	49	30	...	...	\$ 5 60	\$ 10 00	\$ 15 03
Bethel.....	C. W. Hatfield, Fandon.....	1	13	75	88	45	...	...	1 76	24 13	25 89
Blandinsville.	Edwin Voorhees.....	1	9	117	126	52	...	15	2 16	35 00	37 16
Bushnell.....	Mrs. M. E. Morgan.....	1	10	82	92	44	...	2	10 51	33 53	44 04
Carman.. ..	Bonny Johnson.....	1	8	80	88	50	...	...	...	30 00	30 00
Carthage.....	F. M. Cutler.....	1	16	84	100	72	144	5	17 66	57 44	75 10
Cedar Creek.....	Joseph Bean, Colchester.....	1	12	63	75	50	...	...	...	50 00	50 00
Elderville	Mrs. L. Stinson.....	1	6	35	41	25	...	...	...	3 77	3 77
Elvaston	Thomas Garvey.....	1	9	45	54	34	...	2	3 60	19 56	23 16
Good Hope.....	Mrs. C. E. VanPelt.....	1	10	30	40	18	...	1	...	14 12	14 12
Hickory Grove	W. C. Smith, Table Grove.....	1	8	40	48	37	...	...	4 08	9 82	13 90
Lee.....	Miss Mattie A. Guernsey, Manley..	1	2	8	10	10	...	...	...	1 78	1 78
Littleton....	T. F. Pickard.....	1	10	135	145	68	...	...	1 00	12 00	13 00
Macomb.	J. W. Stuart.....	2	25	195	220	100	...	1	...	110 00	110 00
Oquawka.....	Miss Louise Yerger.....	1	8	60	68	70	...	7	...	25 59	25 59
Plymouth.....	D. M. Parks.....	1	9	45	54	30	...	...	...	15 00	15 00
Raritan.....	N. Smith.....	1	11	63	74	38	...	4	6 52	35 70	42 22
Roseville.....	R. L. McReynolds.....	1	13	95	108	69	...	4	70 94	40 00	110 94
Rozetta.....	L. H. Green.....	1	8	47	55	48	50	5	9 09	31 64	40 73
Sciota.....	J. A. Smith.....	1	10	40	50	50	...	...	...	15 00	15 00
St. Mary's....	J. N. Jeffries.....	1	12	77	89	47	...	...	9 40	25 00	34 40
Stronghurst ..	J. W. West.....	1	6	28	34	20	...	...	...	14 40	14 40
Tennessee....	M. D. Martin.....	1	11	34	45	35	...	...	6 78	15 00	21 78
Union	S. D. Holden, Berwick.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Union Grove..	James Caldwell, Industry.....	1	8	62	70	50	...	...	...	10 00	10 00
Total		26	243	1580	1823	1112	194	46	\$ 148 50	\$ 638 48	\$786 98

*When not given same as school.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Pastors and Postoffice Addresses.*	Clerks and Postoffice Addresses.*	When Constituted.....	Membership Last Year.....	MEMBERSHIP.							Present Mem- ship.....		
					Increase.				Decrease.					
					Baptism.....	Letter.....	Experience..	Rest'rat'n...	Letter.....	Exclusion...	Erasure.....		Death.....	
Basco.....	Rev. J. Shaw, Elvaston.....	Katie Clere.....	1872	76	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	75
Bethel.....	Rev. H. Weddington, Fandon...	Mrs. Agnes Hatfield, Fandon.....	1872	33	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
Blandinsville.	Rev. F. P. Douglas.....	Miss Fannie Bristol.....		186	18	7	6	3	10	..	..	..	3	207
Bushnell.....	Rev. W. W. Morgan.....	Mrs. S. Riepen.....	1862	70	7	2	3	..	3	..	2	1	64	
Carman.....	Rev. E. C. Cady, Monmouth.....	Miss Maime Burnett.....	1894	43	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	40	
Carthage.....	Rev. W. B. Hall.....	Mrs. J. E. Garnett.....	1855	185	6	1	..	..	2	4	..	3	183	
Cedar Creek...	Rev. W. E. Andereck, Plymouth	E. B. Stookey, Blandinsville.....	1867	83	3	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	90	
Elderville.....	Rev. J. Shaw, Elvaston.....	Margaret Ashlock.....	1843	38	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	37	
Elvaston.....	Rev. J. Shaw.....	Mrs. Anna Lively.....	.....	41	2	4	..	..	3	..	..	1	43	
Farmers.....	.....	T. G. Miner, Adair.....	1871	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	21	
Good Hope.	Rev. E. C. Cady, Monmouth.....	Mrs. Rosa Broadens.....	1887	25	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	22	
Hickory Grove	.....	W. C. Smith, Table Grove.....	1877	52	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	58	
Lee.....	.....	Mrs. M. E. Douglas, Prairie City ..	1849	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	
Littleton.....	Dr. J. H. Delano, Monmouth.....	Miss Jennie B. Wells.....	.....	145	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	141	
Macomb.....	Rev. W. T. Richardson.....	Miss Mary Chandler.....	1857	293	2	4	2	1	11	8	9	3	271	
Oquawka.....	Rev. A. A. Scruggs.....	Miss Louise Yerger.....	1871	44	12	5	2	..	3	1	..	1	58	
Plymouth.....	Rev. W. E. Andereck.....	D. M. Parks.....	1857	89	7	..	..	..	11	1	..	2	82	
Raritan.....	Rev. C. L. Hamilton.....	Edwin Voorhees.....	1858	91	9	1	4	..	4	..	..	3	98	
Roseville.....	Rev. O. J. Terrell.....	Miss Josephine McReynolds.....	1852	184	12	1	..	..	3	..	..	1	193	
Rozetta.....	.....	C. E. Duke.....	1857	97	8	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	102	
Sciota.....	Rev. W. M. Perry, Burlington, Ia	J. W. Clarke.....	1870	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	46	
St. Mary's.....	.....	Miss Myrtle Botts.....	1837	167	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	161	
Stronghurst...	.....	Mrs. Dora Smith.....	1889	42	..	..	..	1	..	11	..	..	32	
Tennessee.....	.....	Mrs. Jennie Martin.....	1860	43	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	42	
Union.....	Rev. V. B. Ingram, Berwick.....	Lizzie Lewis, Berwick.....	.....	96	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	99	
Union Grove..	Dr. J. H. Delano, Monmouth.....	Mrs. S. D. McLain, Industry.....	1895	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	
Youngstown...	.....	.....	1862	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	2237	89	41	19	5	68	15	31	23	2227	

*When omitted same as church.

FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Value of Church Property.				Current Expenses.			Missions.							Grand Total.....	
	Meeting Houses.....	Seating Capacity...	Parsonages..	Total.....	Home Church Expense...	Home S. S. Expense...	Printing Minutes...	State Missions ..	Home Missions...	Foreign Missions...	Bible and Pub. Works	Baptist Orphans' Home.....	Ministers' Home or Education.	Other Expenses..		Total Benevolence
Basco.....	\$ 1,200	280	\$	1,200	\$ 300 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 50	\$	\$ 15 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 50	\$	\$	\$	\$ 21 50	\$ 332 00
Bethel.....	750	250	.....	750	485 00	24 13	2 70	2 00	.....	1 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 76	515 50
Blandinsville...	3,000	250	2,000	5,000	992 50	35 00	3 00	10 00	.....	.....	2 16	.....	.....	95 00	107 16	1,137 66
Bushnell.....	2,000	450	.....	2,000	609 85	33 53	1 20	28 68	8 60	11 55	6 25	.....	11 70	26 68	93 46	738 04
Carman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	30 00	50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	135 50
Carthage.....	6,000	400	.....	6,000	864 00	57 44	3 00	19 00	77 85	55 85	6 00	19 45	.....	25 16	203 31	1,127 75
Cedar Creek.....	1,000	300	.....	1,000	340 00	50 00	95	4 47	20 00	7 32	6 35	.....	.....	.....	38 14	429 09
Eldersville.....	1,600	300	.....	1,600	21 17	3 77	10	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 04
Elvaston.....	2,500	250	.....	2,500	385 00	19 56	1 00	12 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	423 56
Farmers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope.....	700	150	.....	700	35 00	14 12	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 35	5 35	54 97
Hickory Grove..	1,200	300	.....	1,200	115 32	9 82	1 00	.....	.....	4 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 08	130 22
Lee.....	600	175	200	800	.....	1 78	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 18
Littleton.....	1,200	300	800	2,000	315 00	12 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	5 95	.....	.....	1 00	6 95	335 95
Macomb.....	5,000	400	.....	5,000	992 43	110 00	3 00	17 25	18 50	30 34	3 90	.....	.....	.....	69 99	1,175 42
Oquawka.....	4,000	400	.....	4,000	472 41	25 59	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	499 00
Plymouth.....	3,000	250	1,000	4,000	357 00	15 00	1 40	.....	.....	3 30	1 00	.....	.....	1 25	5 55	378 95
Raritan	2,500	250	.....	2,500	520 00	35 70	2 00	10 00	6 75	10 80	.....	.....	.....	16 52	44 07	601 77
Roseville.....	10,000	500	2,000	12,000	1,118 88	40 00	3 45	22 25	123 71	180 67	18 94	9 10	14 50	169 38	529 45	1,691 78
Rozetta.....	1,500	300	1,150	2,650	567 90	31 64	1 50	25 75	26 25	36 00	9 09	.....	.....	11 00	117 19	718 23
Sciota.....	1,500	250	500	2,000	211 00	15 00	1 45	10 00	5 00	3 18	.....	.....	.....	2 10	20 28	247 73
St. Mary's.....	1,900	400		1,900	201 95	25 00	2 75	13 35			9 40			21 75	44 50	274 20
Stronghurst.....	3,000	250		3,000	8 35	14 40	50	10 00	5 00	13 00					28 00	51 25
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Union.....	1,000	350		1,000	440 00		1 50	5 43							5 43	446 93
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Anniversary	Year.....	No. Baptized	No. Churches	No. Members	WHERE HELD.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER.
1	1834	22	9	181	New Hope.....	John Logan.....	D. Lenox.....	Joel Sweet
2	1835	17	12	217	Centerville....	John Logan.....	D. Lenox.....	John Clark
3	1836	8	14	256	Concord.....	John Logan.....	D. Lenox.....	John Logan
4	1837	28	16	374	New Hope.....	Ezra Fisher.....	J. Parks.....	B. M. Parks
5	1838	12	16	314	Warsaw.....	Ezra Fisher.....	S. C. Thompson..	Ezra Fisher
6	1839	38	16	291	Payson.....	Ezra Fisher.....	Robert C. Kay....	..Norman Parks
7	1840	22	7	184	Cedar Fork....	John Logan.....	James Tucker....	John Logan
8	1841	27	7	200	New Hope.....	J. D. Newell.....	James Tucker....	J. D. Newell
9	1842	31	7	205	Littleton.....	John Logan.....	James Tucker....	John Logan
10	1843	39	10	377	Berwick.....	John Logan.....	B. C. Hord.....	..Thos. Holman
11	1844	68	10	446	Carthage.....	J. Hovey.....	B. C. Coghill.....	J. Hovey
12	1845	17	10	448	Oxford.....	John Logan.....	B. C. Coghill.....	Joseph Botts
13	1846	22	10	489	Monmouth....	J. Hovey.....	B. C. Hord.....	..Jacob Bowers
14	1847	27	10	500	New Boston...	E. Miner.....	Thos. Holman....	E. Miner
15	1848	45	11	554	Bethel.....	Joel Sweet.....	James Tucker....	A. Gross
16	1849	50	13	593	Berwick.....	Joel Sweet.....	James Tucker....	R. Weston
17	1850	34	15	644	Fall Creek....	Joseph Botts.....	James Tucker....	J. Trower
18	1851	49	15	710	New Hope.....	Jacob Bowers....	James Tucker....	W. T. Bly
19	1852	38	18	809	Union.....	Joseph Elliott....	W. T. Bly.....	Tom Camp
20	1853	68	19	807	Lee.....	Joseph Elliott....	W. T. Bly.....	..Joseph Elliott
21	1854	136	23	963	St. Mary's....	R. Newton.....	James Tucker....	J. K. Berry
22	1855	97	25	1123	Mt. Pleasant..	R. Newton.....	B. C. Coghill.....	R. Newton
23	1856	105	25	1063	Monmouth....	W. F. Forest.....	B. C. Coghill.....	W. F. Forest
24	1857	46	27	980	Berwick.....	W. F. Forest.....	B. C. Coghill.....	..Anson Tucker
25	1858	113	27	1151	Hillsboro.....	W. F. Forest.....	B. C. Coghill.....	H. S. P. Warren
26	1859	78	28	1001	Fall Creek....	W. F. Forest.....	B. C. Coghill.....	S. P. Ives
27	1860	138	25	1048	Independence..	D. W. Litchfield..	E. Mitchell.....	H. S. P. Warren
28	1861	83	25	1131	Plymouth.....	W. F. Forest.....	E. Mitchell.....	W. F. Forest
29	1862	155	25	2186	Prairie City...	J. O. Metcalf.....	P. P. Shirley.....	D. B. Gunn
30	1863	112	25	1570	Blandinsville.	J. O. Metcalf.....	R. L. Colwell.....	W. R. Welch
31	1864	72	26	1515	Carthage.....	J. O. Metcalf.....	J. Elliott.....	H. H. Parks
32	1865	114	22	1592	Roseville.....	Norman Parks....	J. Elliott.....	J. O. Metcalf
33	1866	174	23	1456	Fall Creek....	W. R. Welch.....	B. C. Coghill.....	..H. H. Northop
34	1867	80	23	1452	Union.....	A. Jones.....	J. E. Bosler.....	C. A. Hewett
35	1868	100	23	1456	St. Mary's....	Norman Parks....	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
36	1869	157	24	1355	Raritan.....	J. L. Benedict....	J. E. Bosler.....	J. L. Benedict
37	1870	168	24	1578	Macomb.....	L. Osborne.....	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
38	1871	34	24	1428	Oquawka.....	J. L. Benedict....	J. E. Bosler.....	E. Russ
39	1872	204	26	1756	Blandinsville.	I. N. Hill.....	J. E. Bosler.....	N. Kinnie
40	1873	145	26	1955	Bushnell.....	N. Kinnie.....	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
41	1874	258	28	2229	Sciota.....	J. M. Harington..	J. H. Delano.....	H. H. Parks
42	1875	231	27	2376	Roseville.....	Alex McLean.....	J. H. Delano.....	I. N. Hobart
43	1876	242	27	2494	Macomb.....	Alex McLean.....	G. D. Kent.....	S. H. D. Vanghall
44	1877	296	30	2553	Fall Creek....	Alex McLean.....	G. D. Kent.....	..Norman Parks
45	1878	78	32	2576	Carthage.....	Alex McLean.....	G. D. Kent.....	E. C. Cady
46	1879	58	31	2500	Union.....	S. J. McCormick..	G. D. Kent.....	W. D. Clark
47	1880	78	32	2500	St. Mary's....	S. J. McCormick..	G. D. Kent.....	J. C. Hart
48	1881	58	31	2084	Blandinsville.	E. C. Cady.....	E. Rogers.....	..Wm. Swinden
49	1882	88	30	2150	Littleton.....	Alex McLean.....	E. Rogers.....	J. E. Todd
50	1883	100	27	2089	Bethel.....	Alex McLean.....	J. W. Saunders...	R. C. Ray
51	1884	99	27	2010	Bushnell.....	Alex McLean.....	A. R. Newton....	I. C. Fahis
52	1885	57	28	1825	Sciota.....	Alex McLean.....	A. R. Newton....	..J. W. Saunders
53	1886	117	29	2146	Macomb.....	Alex McLean.....	A. R. Newton....	J. H. Delano
54	1887	122	30	2093	Oquawka.....	A. R. Newton....	G. E. Eldredge...	J. F. Foley
55	1888	43	30	2015	Roseville.....	A. R. Newton....	G. E. Eldredge...	JM Titterington
56	1889	158	28	2027	Plymouth.....	J. F. Foley.....	H. B. Waterman..	..J. T. Malcom
57	1890	112	29	1936	Carthage.....	S. Pickard.....	J. T. Malcom....	E. B. Dillard
58	1891	120	29	1875	Blandinsville.	S. Pickard.....	J. T. Malcom....	A. H. Rhodes
59	1892	129	28	1932	Rozetta.....	Alex McLean.....	J. T. Malcom....	V. B. Ingram
60	1893	101	29	1948	St. Mary's....	Alex McLean.....	J. T. Malcom....	H. H. Depperman
61	1894	149	27	2046	Roseville.....	Alex McLean.....	J. T. Malcom....	..W. J. Sanborn
62	1895	138	28	2041	Littleton.....	Alex McLean.....	J. T. Malcom....	R. J. Church
63	1896	157	28	2132	Macomb.....	Alex McLean.....	J. T. Malcom....	S. A. Douglas
64	1897	97	28	2236	Union.....	Alex McLean.....	R. M. Wood.....	G. W. Shadwick
65	1898	138	28	2221	Raritan.....	Alex McLean.....	R. M. Wood.....	..W. W. Morgan
66	1899	67	28	2237	Blandinsville.	Alex McLean.....	H. Weddington...	..F. P. Douglas
67	1900	89	27	2227	Bethel.....	Alex McLean.....	H. Weddington...	O. J. Terrell

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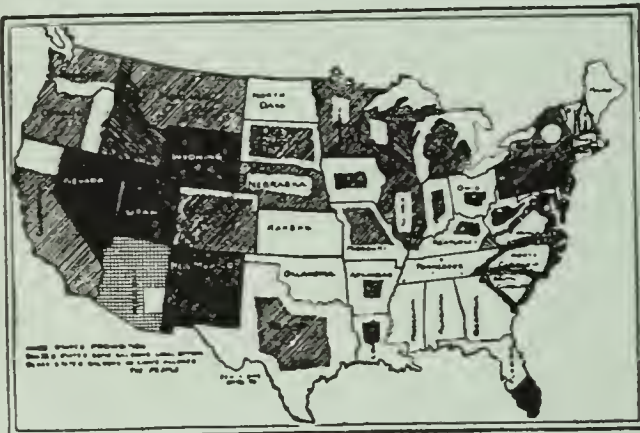
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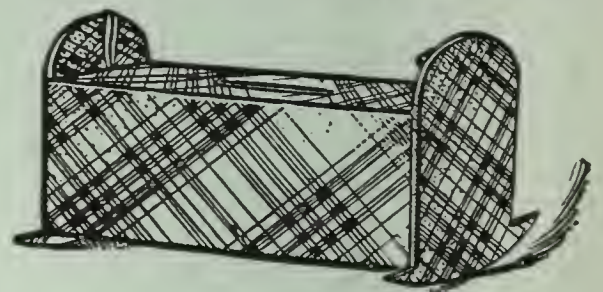
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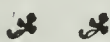
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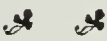


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Salem Baptist Association



Constitution

ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be known as the “Salem Baptist Association” of Illinois and shall be composed of delegates only who shall be members or pastors of the churches belonging to this body, which they represent, except such brethren as shall be invited to seats by consent of the body.

ART. II.—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty members.

ART. III.—The object of this Association shall be to promote union and harmony among the churches and to advise and recommend such measures as are thought best calculated to advance the Redeemer’s kingdom in the bounds of this Association and throughout the world.

ART. IV.—The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and five Trustees.

ART. V.—The Moderator shall preside and lead in transactions of the body and see that order and decorum are observed. He shall not be chosen for the position more than three consecutive years.

ART. VI.—The Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of the business transactions during the session and shall take charge of the records and papers of the body and shall conduct the correspondence.

ART. VII.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same and the purpose for which they are designed, pay them out according to the order of the Association, and report the state of the treasury before the close of each session.

ART. VIII.—The Trustees shall look after all moneys and property within the Association that rightly belong to it. They shall make transference of property sold by them, collect the money therefrom and hold the same at the discretion of the Association. Their number shall be five, one of whom shall be elected annually.

ART. IX.—The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot and shall continue in office until the enrollment of members at the succeeding sessions of the body.

ART. X.—It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their letters and delegates to the Association an account of the state of their respective churches; particularly of the additions and diminutions within the year, and generally whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion, and money to pay for the printing of the minutes.

ART. XI.—Churches that wish to be received into the Union may apply by letter and delegates and, giving satisfactory information of their being sound in faith and correct in practice, may be received, and as a token of the same the Moderator shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ART. XII.—As an associated body, we utterly disclaim all or any power over the churches in respect to their independence or discipline; yet the Association, when it has reason to believe that any church connected with this body has become unsound in the faith or disorderly in practice, shall use suitable means to restore such, and failing of success, shall drop it from the minutes.

ART. XIII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other associations and any religious body it may think proper

ART. XIV.—This Association shall meet annually at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday before the third Lord's Day in September, at such place as shall be previously determined upon; at 11 o'clock a. m. an Introductory Sermon shall be preached by such brethren as the body shall have appointed. Also a Doctrinal Sermon, bearing on our distinctive principles, shall be preached on the afternoon of the last day's session. Motion for final adjournment shall not be entertained till the close of the exercises Thursday evening.

ART. XV.—Any church failing to represent itself by letter or otherwise for two consecutive years shall be stricken from the minutes, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. XVI.—This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the body by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. XVII.—This Association shall appoint annually a Missionary Committee of five, whose duty it shall be to aid weak and destitute churches in securing preaching, to form plans for the occupation of destitute fields, to recommend the appointment of missionaries by the Board of the Illinois Baptist Convention to labor within the bounds of this Association, to superintend this work, and to assist in securing collections from each of our churches for their support. This committee shall present annually a written report to the Association.

Order of Business

1. Association Called to Order.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Report of Committee on Program.
4. Reading of Letters.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) Committee on Program.
 - (b) Committee on Next Association

- (c) Committee on Sabbath School Institutes.
- (d) Committee on Obituaries.
- (e) Committee on Resolutions.
- (f) Committee on State of Religion.
- 7. Unfinished Business.
- 8. Report of Committees.
- 9. Appointment of Missionary Committee.
- 10. New Business.
- 11. Closing Exercises by the Moderator.

Rules of Order

1. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.
2. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
3. No subject shall be discussed without a motion made first and seconded.
4. No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same motion without leave of the Association.
5. Every question of debate to be decided by a majority of the members present.
6. Ministers and visiting brethren entitled to seats may speak on any subject, but vote on none.
7. Motions lost shall not be recorded in minutes unless ordered at the time.
8. If any proposition or motion under consideration contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken on each separately.
9. Arrangements for the next session of the Association shall not be made on the first day of the session.
10. On opening of business the second day the roll of the delegates sent by the churches shall be called and the names of those who have not arrived stricken from the list; only the names of ministers shall be inserted with the mark of absent.
11. The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.
12. The Moderator may speak on any question, providing he calls some member to fill the chair.
13. Any member about to speak shall address the Moderator and shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.
14. These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization.

Standing Resolutions

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches great care in disciplining and excluding members, and we advise our churches to receive

disaffected or excluded members from their sister churches to their fellowship with much discretion, and that this resolution be placed on our minutes statedly.

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Resolved, That a Program Committee of six be appointed each year, which shall include the Moderator and Clerk of the Association, the Ladies' Home Missionary Director, the B. Y. P. U. President and the Entertaining Pastor.

Resolved, That we make a place on our Program for the welcoming of new Pastors into our Association

Resolved, That the Session of the Association be limited to two days and such time be given to the B. Y. P. U. as the program committee may deem best

Resolved, That the churches of Salem Association so arrange the title of church property that it will become property of the Illinois Baptist Convention in the event that the local organization ceases to exist.

Resolved, That a place be given on our Program after Report of Committee on Obituaries for a suitable Memorial Service for Our Beloved Dead.

Sabbath School Convention



Constitution

ARTICLE I.—This organization shall be known as the "Salem Baptist Sabbath School Convention "

ART. II —Each Sabbath School in the Salem Convention shall be entitled to send five delegates, in addition to their Pastor and Superintendent.

ART. III.—The object of the Convention shall be the advancement of the cause of the Sabbath Schools within its bounds.

ART. IV.—The officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting and discharge the usual duties pertaining to their several offices.

ART V —The Sabbath Schools composing this body shall furnish at each annual meeting full and accurate statistical reports, with an account of their progress and prospects.

ART. VI —This Convention shall meet annually on the day preceding the regular meeting of the Salem Baptist Assosiation and shall be called to order by the Moderator or Clerk, or, in their absence, by some other person.

ART. VII.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

Standing Resolutions

The Association Committee on Institutes shall make arrangements for all future Conventions.

Baptist Young People's Union



Constitution

ARTICLE I.—NAME: The name of this Society shall be the "Baptist Young People's Union of the Salem Baptist Association."

ART. II.—OBJECT: The object of this Association shall be the unification of Baptist young people; their increase spiritually; their stimulation to Christian service; their edification in spiritual knowledge; their instruction in the Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all missionary activity through existing denominational organization.

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Union shall consist of accredited delegates from Young People's Societies in the Baptist churches of the Salem Baptist Association and from Baptist churches within the same limits having a young people's organization.

ART. IV.—REPRESENTATION: Representation shall be on the basis of five delegates for every twenty members or less and one for each additional ten in each young people's society. In a church in which no young people's society exists the church shall be entitled to five delegates for every fifty members or fraction thereof. Delegates shall be admitted only on credentials certified by an officer of the young people's society or by the clerk of that church in which no young people's organization exists.

ART. V.—OFFICERS: The officers shall be a President, one Vice-President, Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. Each of these persons shall perform the duties usual to their respective offices and shall be elected annually by ballot.

ART. VI.—BOARD OF MANAGERS: The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Union and at least three additional members, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. The Board of Managers shall be empowered to employ such agencies as may be necessary to extend and cultivate Baptist young people's organizations.

ART. VII.—MEETINGS: The Union shall meet at such time and place as the Union or Board of Managers may appoint.

ART. VIII.—AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, notice thereof having been published three months previously.

Minutes of the Salem Baptist Sunday School Convention



MACOMB, ILL., Sept. 15, 1908.

2:00 — Convention was called to order by the Moderator. In the absence of the President of the convention, Rev. J. C. Oranger was chosen president pro tem

Devotional services, conducted by Rev. W. P. Osgood of Roseville.

Rev. Flanders was chosen to act as secretary pro tem. until the Secretary arrives.

2:15 — Address by Rev H. F. Jones of Colchester, "Real Work of the Sunday School:" Work of the Sunday school is to Christianize the world. The teacher has the opportunity that the evangelist has to save the boys and girls. No organization has the opportunity to help the children that the Sunday school has to reach them while they are young. We need more consecrated and interested teachers in the Sunday school for the salvation of children. Seek ye early while he may be found.

2:45 — "Ten Points of Excellence in the Standard Sunday School," by Rev. J. C. Oranger of Blandinsville: 1. Teachers' meeting; 2. written review; 3. normal class work; 4. graduation; 5. home department; 6. rally day; 7. decision; 8. cradle roll; 9. temperance department; 10. adult class movement.

3:15 — Alfred Huey of St. Marys gave "Sunday School Problems and How to Meet Them:" To get the school on time; lack of interest of the parents in the Sunday school; the problem in securing the right teacher for the right class. (Discussion.)

3:45 — Reports of Sunday schools; 17 schools reported.

Motion made and carried that a message be sent to Bro. Anderson from the Sunday school convention.

4:00 — Election of officers, as follows:

President — Louis Coffee of Macomb.

Secretary — Orpha Prather of Blandinsville.

President of Cradle Roll — Ethlyn Griffeth of Carthage.

President of Home Department — Lee Hunt of Colchester.

Adjournment

TUESDAY EVENING —

7:30 — Praise service, led by Rev. Edmond of Elvaston.

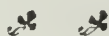
8:00 — Rev W. B. Morris of Champaign spoke of the work and needs of the publication. Afterwards gave an address, "Larger Sunday School," taking his text from Psalms, 78:5: We need a larger

vision of the Omnipotent one in the larger Sunday school to grow and expand. We need not only to see what Jesus sees, but see as Jesus sees. We need a larger valuation of what the Word of God is in teaching in our Sunday school. We need a larger valuation of the privilege of the regular attendance in Sunday school. We need a larger vitalization.

Collection, \$2 22. Adjournment.

ORPHA PRATHER, Secretary.

	Home Dept.	Cradle Roll.
Blandinsville...	x	x
Bushnell.....		x
Carthage.	x	x
Colchester.....	x	x
Macomb.....	x	x
Roseville.....		x
St. Marys.....		x
Tennessee	x	
Sciota		x



B. Y. P. U. Session



3:15 — Report of Unions. Seven Unions responded, as follows :

Bushnell—President, Mae Logan; secretary, Miss Cordie Cole. Membership, 20; local expenses, \$6.59; missions, \$2 00.

Blandinsville—President, Josie Tucker; secretary, Lillie Davenport. Membership, 37; local expenses, \$16 50; state missions, \$3.00; home missions, \$2 50.

Macomb—President, Louise Roberts; secretary, Charles Clinch. Membership, 52; local expenses, \$94.00.

Carthage—President, Mrs. T. H. Boggess; secretary, Mabelle Powell. Membership, 51; local expenses, \$5.72; state missions, \$5 00; home missions, \$4 00; other benevolences, \$2 00.

Roseville — President, Chester Wickersham; secretary, Edith Jordan. Membership, 58; local expenses, \$1 00; home missions, \$5.00; foreign missions, \$5 00

Rozetta — President, Earl Duke; secretary, Nelia Duke. Membership, 30.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

3:30 — "Wanted," by Theodore Martin of Blandinsville: What we lack is on account of our own weakness and not because of a lack of members. We should have closer adherence to our constitution and by-laws. Each committee must do its work conscientiously and thoroughly. The local president and secretary must be the best qualified material for those places that can be found in the local organization.

4:00 — Election of officers, as follows: President, Roy Farris of Blandinsville; vice-president, Ward Cutler, of Carthage; secretary, Louise Roberts of Macomb; treasurer, Mary Wells of Littleton; board of managers, Mrs. Boggess of Carthage, Chester Wickersham of Roseville, Mrs. Roberts of Bushnell

4:20 — "Our Influence Over the Junior Work," by Miss Nettie Long of Macomb: The question is asked, why are there so few Junior societies? If they were more attractive the membership would be much larger and there would be more societies. The Junior society should be the place in which the Sunday school workers, the church members and the Senior B. Y. P. U. members receive an important part of their training. We need Junior leaders who are qualified and are willing to do this work

Adjournment.

7:30 — Song service.

Pastors' testimonies of B. Y. P. U. All who spoke on this topic were agreed that one found the enthusiasm and enterprise in the B. Y. P. U. They felt it would be impossible to do good work without the help of the societies. The work of the older church members falls on young men and women trained in young peoples' societies.

8:00 — Address by Dr Paullin of Monmouth, Ill.: The morning watch in young people's work is past and the best is before us. The day of enthusiasm gone, and work is ahead of us. In the past there has been too much introspection and sentimentalism. We are leaving this with little regret and looking ahead at the day of work. Our work as Christians is creative work. God has a definite call for all — even the commonplace. There is power given to direct the forces of nature and to direct and influence the people. There is great danger in misdirecting power. A man or woman who withholds a quality from society robs society. God wants us. There is a call to arise to an activity — to go forth and labor. This call is universal; a call to us. What shall we hear.

Adjournment.

LOUISE ROBERTS, Secretary.

THE ASSOCIATION



WEDNESDAY MORNING —

10:00 — The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report of Program Committee was received and on motion program, as printed, was adopted.

Moderator appointed Nominating Committee, consisting of Revs. J. C. Oranger and J. C. Conway and Bro. Samuel Moon.

10:30 — The reading of church letters was begun

11:00 — Rev. W. P. Osgood of Roseville preached the Introductory Sermon. Subject, "The Church of Little Faith and How It Became Converted"

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON —

1:30 — Devotional meeting, led by Thos. H. Boggess of Carthage.

1:45 — The Moderator introduced the new Pastors in the Association, as follows: E. R. Redmon, Thos. H. Boggess, A. F. Mecum, J. C. Conway, H. F. Jones, W. F. Osgood and Robert Purdy (supply). Response was given by Rev. E. R. Redmon.

2:00 — Moderator appointed the following committees:

Next Session — Rev. W. P. Osgood of Roseville, Joseph I. Thompson of Cedar Creek, Leigh Hunt of Colchester.

S. S. Institute — Miss Lois Coffey of Macomb, Theodore Martin of Blandinsville, Rev. Thos. Boggess of Carthage.

Obituaries — Rev. H. F. Jones of Colchester, S. E. Harnest of Carthage, C. E. Duke of Rozetta.

Resolutions — Rev. P. H. Haney of Raritan, Miss Jeannette Davenport of Roseville, Alex. McCormick of St. Marys.

State of Religion — Rev. J. F. Foley of St. Marys, Rev. D. H. McGillivray of Macomb.

Enrollment — Rev. B. Oldham of Plymouth, J. C. Cutler of Carthage, Rev. E. R. Redmon of Elvaston.

Committee on Program and Missionary Committee to be announced later.

Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Your nominating committee would recommend the following names as officers of this Association:

Moderator — C. L. Flanders of Rozetta.

Clerk — W. D. Johnston of Roseville.

Treasurer — Alfred Huey of St. Marys.

Trustee — M. D. Martin of Tennessee.

J. C. Conway, J. C. Oranger, Samuel Moon, Committee.

On motion, report was adopted, and above named elected.

2:15 -- Reading of church letters was continued.

3:15 -- B. Y. P. U. Session

THURSDAY MORNING --

8:30 -- Devotional service, led by Robert Purdy.

9:00 -- Moderator appointed Missionary Committee: Revs. J. C. Oranger of Blandinsville, F. E. Webb of Macomb, W. P. Osgood of Roseville, D. H. McGillivary of Macomb, H. F. Jones of Colchester.

Enrollment Committee reported they had revised and corrected the list of delegates as reported by the churches so the letter will show names of Messengers in attendance. Report accepted.

On motion, the Trustees were instructed to incorporate under the State law, fee for same to be paid out of Missionary fund.

Missionary Committee reported, recommending that the Association raise by subscription \$37.30, and that this amount, together with \$100.00 now in hand in Missionary fund, be used to pay off the mortgage on the Youngstown church, and that the Trustees take a mortgage on the property for the amount. Report was accepted and the amount was raised.

Rev. D. H. McGillivary presented the interest of the State Convention, emphasizing the following facts: The Illinois Baptist State Convention has been doing missionary work for sixty-four years in the State of Illinois. The great strength of the denomination at this time is due, in a large measure, to the work of this organization. The State Convention has assisted by its missionaries and evangelists forty-four churches this year in direct evangelistic work, and several score of other churches have this year been benefitted in other ways by the State Convention. The State Convention not only exists for the building up of Baptist churches in Illinois, but keeps in close touch with our educational system and all the Baptist educational institutions of this State. It has kept a Missionary at the State University, to care for the 300 Baptist students at that institution. It also lends its aid and sympathy to the work of the evangelization of the World through the Missionary Union, the saving of North America through the Home Mission Society, and the publication and missionary work of the Publication Society.

Rev. C. L. Flanders spoke for a few minutes in the interest of the Hudleson Home.

10:45 -- Rev. J. C. Oranger and W. P. Osgood gave short addresses on the new movements of the Northern Baptists.

11:00 -- Committee on Next Session reported place for next meeting of Association.

Bethel preacher of Introductory Sermon, Rev. F. E. Webb of Macomb; alternate, Rev. Thomas Boggess of Carthage. Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. P. H. Haney of Raritan; alternate, Rev. H. F. Jones of Colchester.

Report accepted.

11:30 — Obituary Committee, represented by Ward Cutler of Carthage, reported as follows :

Obituary Committee's Report

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report the following twenty-four deaths among the membership of the Association :

CHURCH	NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Bethel.....	Mabel Shelley.....	23	June 9, 1908.
Blandinsville.....	Mrs. Jas. H. Grigsby	50	October 3, 1907.
"	Thomas Ashby.....	69	February 2, 1908.
"	Mary Gist.....	74	April 7, 1908.
Bushnell	Percy Biddle.....	38	October 30, 1907.
"	D. J. Dunlap.....	75	September 11, 1908.
Basco	John Huff.....	..	June 20, 1908.
Cedar Creek	Rebecca Hunt.....	69	October 18, 1908.
"	Pelina Martin.....	79	February 11, 1908.
Colchester	Henry Graham... ..	70	.....
Littleton.....	M. O. Snyder.....	68	October 21, 1907.
"	H. B. Rose.....	52	December 27, 1907.
"	Mrs. Julia Wheat.....	..	March 3, 1908.
"	Mrs. Ollie Pickard.....	53	April 19, 1908.
"	Mrs. Sarah Arvin.....	..	May 21, 1908.
Macomb	Alexander McLean.....	74	October 11, 1907.
"	Mrs. Anna Diamond....	42	November 22, 1906.
Raritan	Sarah A. Voorhees.....	76	March 5, 1908.
"	Harry Stanley.....	25	April 6, 1908.
Rozetta	R. J. Coghill.....	64	December 4, 1907.
Roseville.....	Mrs. M. N. Anderson	77	November 15, 1907.
"	Mrs. Susie Davenport....	51	June 9, 1908.
"	Mrs. David Stem.....	73	August 12, 1908.
"	Mrs. Hannah Ostrander...	93	May 28, 1908.

After the reading of the report Rev. H. F. Jones gave a short address, 'Tribute to Our Beloved Dead.'

Adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON —

1:30 — Devotional services, led by Rev. Johns of Sciota.

1:45 — Treasurer's report, showing a balance due Treasurer of \$2.26, was read and accepted. Also report of Clerk, showing balance of \$14.46 due him, was accepted. On motion, a subscription to the amount of \$16.72, to meet the deficiencies, was taken.

On motion, Rev. Boggess was appointed to prepare an article commemorating our 75th anniversary.

Bro. Oldham offered a resolution that we change our Constitution, striking out the word "Wednesday" in the second line and substituting the words "some day." After some discussion, a motion to lay on the table was carried.

2:30 — Rev. J. F. Foley of St. Marys preached the Doctrinal Sermon, using as a text John. 21:21. Theme, "Loyalty to Christ."

3:40 — Women's Hour.

Minutes of Ladies' Meeting.

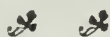
MACOMB, ILL., Sept. 1908.

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the ladies were called together in a private meeting to elect officers and to discuss some means of arousing more interest in Missions among the women of the Association.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Ida Cutler of Carthage; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Harriet Huey of St. Marys; Director of Home Missions, Mrs. T. H. Boggess of Carthage; Vice-Presidents — Mrs. C. L. Flanders for Rozetta, Oquawka, Roseville; Mrs. Harriet Oranger for Blandinsville, Sciota, Raritan; Mrs. Dameron for Bushnell, Macomb, Littleton; Miss Blanche Robinson for Bethel, Colchester, Cedar Creek; Mrs. D. W. Parks for Plymouth, St. Marys, Tennessee.

Thursday afternoon the ladies conducted a very interesting meeting. Devotional was led by the President, Mrs. Ida Garnett. Report of the year's work was given by Mrs. Lida Talbot.

Mrs. Margaret VanFleet of Chicago gave an address on the work done by the Home Mission Society. Mrs. Martha H. Higman, State Secretary, represented the foreign work. Both ladies were listened to with much interest.



4:30 — Bro. Oldham, on behalf of Bethel church, withdrew their invitation for the next Session of the Association.

Also offered a resolution changing Article 14 of the Constitution, so that the session should begin on Friday before the third Lord's Day in September and hold over Sunday. On call for rising vote, the motion was lost by a vote of 16 to 29.

Committee on Next Session made a second report, recommending St. Marys as place of meeting. Report accepted.

Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION --

7:30 — Short praise service, led by Bro. Osgood of Roseville.

7:40 — Short address by Bro. Boggess of Carthage commemorating our 75th anniversary, giving a brief but concise history of the Association.

8:10 — Norman E. Carr of Shurtliff College gave a brief talk in the interest of that institution.

Miss Louise Coffey read the following history of the Macomb church.

History of Macomb Church

(Condensed from an article by the late Alexander McLean.)

"On the 27th of June, 1857, a meeting was held at the home of Joel Pennington in the city of Macomb pursuant to notice to take into con

sideration the expediency of organizing a Baptist church in the city, to be called the Baptist Church of Macomb. After due consideration Brother D. D. Gregory was elected chairman and Brother M. T. Winslow clerk, when the following action was taken, viz.:

“ ‘Resolved, That we will, by the assistance of God, organize a Baptist church in this city.

“ ‘The following brothers and sisters, having letters, united in the organization, viz.: Brothers D. D. Gregory, J. W. Blount, Joel Pennington, Thomas Axford and M. T. Winslow, and Sisters Jane I. Rice, Catharine McCabe, Sister Joel Pennington and Sister Joshua Sommers. Others present expressed a desire to unite as soon as they could obtain letters to do so.

“ ‘Resolved, That a council be called to recognize this body as the first regular Baptist Church of Macomb, to convene on the 2nd day of July next, and the following churches are invited to send delegates to compose such council:

“ ‘The First Baptist Church, Quincy; Vermont Street Church, Quincy; Independence Church, Spring Creek; First Baptist Church, Bushnell; Baptist Church at Littleton; First Baptist Church, Galesburg; Baptist Church, New Hope, and the Baptist church at Prairie City.’

“ The council convened as per the invitation and elected Rev. Silas Tucker moderator and Rev. L. Milton Whitman clerk. The council then declared the organization of the First Baptist Church of Macomb completed and duly organized.

“ On December 2nd a meeting was held to take action relative to calling a pastor and it was decided to call Rev. L. Milton Whitman of Quincy. Rev. Whitman accepted the call to the pastorate and he, together with Mrs. Whitman, presented their letters and were received into the church.

“ February 1, 1863, the congregation moved into their new church building, which was situated in front and west of the Soldiers’ monument in the city park. The building had been erected for a ladies’ seminary, which ceased operation. Rev. J. O. Metcalf was pastor at this time and was the means of aiding in the upbuilding of the church until the building proved to be altogether too limited in capacity to hold the increasing congregation.

“ July 8, 1867, Brothers J. W. Blount and B. F. Gill were appointed a committee to select a site for the new building and on July 26th said committee reported in favor of erecting a new building on West Carroll street, the lot costing \$500.00.

“ On February 2, 1870, the new house of worship was dedicated and was occupied until December 11, 1904, when the building now occupied by the church was formally dedicated. It is situated on East Carroll street and the building is a commodious one for church purposes. The dedicatory services were held at 11:00 o’clock Sunday morning and con-

sisted of union services by the several churches of the city. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Myron Haynes, pastor of the Belden Avenue church, Chicago. At the close of the sermon J. W. Stuart, chairman of the finance committee, made a statement, showing the cost of the building to be \$18,174 41, which had all been provided for.

"The following pastors have been connected with the church here since its organization: Revs. L. W. Whitman, D. D. Gregory, J. O. Metcalf, Palmer, Benedict, Colville, Young, Hill, Roberts, Clark, Douglass, Weber, Smith, Sanborn, Webster, Case, W. T. Richardson, Holtzclaw and the present pastor, Rev. F. E. Webb."

Committee on State of Religion submitted the following report, which was accepted:

"Committee on State of Religion submit the following report: Nineteen churches report 131 baptisms and 61 by letter, an increase by additions in this way over last year of 67. But we find there has been a decrease, after all, in the actual membership of the Association, caused by removals and deaths, of 76. However, we note with delight a considerable increase in the amount raised for current expenses and benevolence. Another encouraging feature is that all churches reporting have pastors with the exception of Youngstown, and they have a supply. In all, we believe that the conditions are favorable for a successful work the coming year.

Rev. J. F. Foley,

"Rev. D. H. McGillivray."

Committee on Resolutions submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"We, your Committee on Resolutions, offer the following as our report:

"Resolved, that we give hearty endorsement to our Baptist institutions of learning and support to the State Conventions.

"We further recommend the loyal support of our Baptist literature in all the churches and homes of Salem Association, and further reaffirm our loyalty to the Baptist State Convention.

"Resolved, that we most heartily endorse the work of our Mission Societies, Foreign, Home and State.

"We further recommend the approval of this Association upon the work of the Local Option movement and the great good it has accomplished in the past year.

"We sincerely and most heartily endorse the Wheel Plan as it has been in operation in the past, and recommend its continuance among the churches in this Association.

"We would further recommend the expression of our gratitude as an Association to the members of the Macomb church for their kindly and courteous entertainment to us as a body at this time.

"We would ask the Pastors and Churches of our Association to do all in their power toward the suppression of the desecration of the Sabbath day.

Perry H. Haney,

"Alex. McCormick,

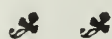
"Jeannette Davenport."

8:30 — Dr. Judson B. Thomas delivered an address on Home Missions; subject, "The Meeting of Two Civilizations." This was followed by an address on Foreign Missions by Rev. C. A. Darrow.

Adjourned.

C. L. FLANDERS, Moderator.

W. D. JOHNSTON, Clerk.



Digest of Letters

BASCO — We have had Rev. Redmon of Elvaston preach for us every two weeks on Sunday afternoon since March, 1908. He has been very earnest in his work and has done a great deal toward bringing the congregation closer together spiritually. Our Sunday school is in a flourishing condition and much good is being accomplished through the Sunday school. Death removed from us Bro. John Huff, who was ever ready to do his share in the work for the Lord.— W. H. Damron, Church Clerk.

BETHEL — Our report is much more encouraging this year than usual. Last October our pastor, Rev. B. Oldham, assisted by Evangelist Love, held a meeting which resulted in twenty-four additions to the church by baptism, and the church is much revived. We have retained our pastor for another year, and under God we are expecting increased blessings. Yet while we rejoice because of the good done, we are made sad by the death of one of our prominent young members, Sister Mabel Shelley, who was in the midst of a useful life and has been called to her reward, while we through our tears look to the Giver of Life for consolation. We close this letter by extending to the Association a hearty invitation to meet with us next year.—Agnes Hatfield, Clerk

BLANDINSVILLE — Through the kind and merciful providence of our Heavenly Father we are again permitted to meet with you. The year that is just closing has been one of slow and steady progress, and we feel that, all things considered, we have much to be thankful for. Under the earnest and able efforts of our pastor, Rev. J. Clark Oranger, who settled with us two years ago the first of the coming November, we have been instrumental in doing at least some little work for the Master, and are earnestly hoping and hereby ask an interest in your prayers, that we may

do more in the future than we have in the past. During the month of October we held regular protracted services, which resulted in the addition of sixteen new members and the general upbuilding of the spiritual condition of our membership. All the departments of the work are in good working order. The Sunday school, under the long-continued superintendency of Bro. E. E. Voorhees, is doing good work. The Baptist Union, under the presidency of Sister Josie Tucker, is earnestly endeavoring to help the young people to a higher standard of life. The Ladies' Aid Society is doing much active work, having, among other things, been successful in raising about \$100 00 toward the defraying of the expenses of the church. The Missionary Society, under the presidency of Sister Oranger, is also doing good work. While we have these and many more blessings to be thankful for, the year has not been without its sorrows. Three of those whom God had given us were called from the church below to the church above, Sisters Lilly Grigsby and Nancy Gist and Bro. Thomas Ashby being called away. We are separated from them now, yet we have faith to believe that if we are faithful to the end we will be reunited with them in that church above, where partings will be no more.—Lizzie Ebelsizer, Church Clerk; per E. T. Martin.

BUSHNELL—We come with grateful hearts for the blessings of the past year. Sept. 15, 1907, Rev. E. H. Baker began special meetings, which continued until October 1, without any visible results, but God has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void. Bro. Baker was a very earnest worker; zealous to a fault against intemperance, vice or any other uncleanness in the Christian life. During the months of November and December we had preaching services every Lord's day. The rest of the year we have kept up all the other regular services—that is, the mid-week prayer meeting, B. Y. P. U., Sunday school and teachers' meeting. Quite a number of times our pulpit was supplied by Bro. Foley and Bro. Gilbert, besides several others, one Sunday each. We have now secured Rev. Charles A. Rice as pastor, beginning Aug. 16, 1908, for full time, and we are praying that God in his loving kindness may bless both pastor and people to the upbuilding of the kingdom and the salvation of souls. The silent messenger has called one of our loved members to come up higher. Sister Percy Biddle answered the summons Oct. 30, 1907, aged 38 years.—Done by order of the church, Sept. 2, 1908, M. Anna Weirather, Church Clerk.

After the above was written Bro. E. J. Dunlap passed away, on Sept. 11, 1908, aged 75 years. Also learned of the death of a non-resident member, Miss Cora Arthurs, Sept. 5, 1907.

CARTHAGE — As the result of a series of meetings held at East Union Mission the latter part of last September, thirteen were added to our number. We also enjoyed a two-weeks' meeting at the church in January, conducted by Rev. J. W. Craig of Madisonville, Ohio, assisted by Pastor Tilley. This closed with an all day service, in which every member present took some part. The day was very enjoyable throughout, with the exception of the sadness caused by Bro. Tilley offering his resignation. He accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Paris, Ill., and on March 22nd preached his farewell sermon. We were without a regular pastor from that date, and without a supply a greater part of the time. On August 30th Rev. T. H. Boggess of Carthage, Mo., accepted the call to our work here. He is a graduate of William Jewell College and the Louisville Theological Seminary. Both pastor and people are expecting great things during the coming year. We are pleased to report that none of our members have been called the past year by the messenger of death. The only improvement on church property we have to note is the street paving in front at a cost of \$268.91 and electric lights in the parsonage. The lights were furnished by the young ladies' class; cost, \$30.75. We have been for some time agitating the question of church improvement, but as yet nothing definite has been determined upon. William H. Cutler of our place goes as a student for the ministry.—Done by order of the church, Sept. 8, 1908. Pastor, Thos. H. Boggess; Miss Marilla Cannon.

CEDAR CREEK — The Lord hath done great things for us since we last met with you at Littleton last year. We are at peace with ourselves and everything is moving forward. We have a weekly prayer meeting and B. Y. P. U. Rev. H. F. Jones, who has labored with us so faithfully for the last two years, has been called by a unanimous vote for the ensuing year. Last September our pastor was assisted by Rev. W. H. Love, who conducted a meeting for six weeks. Nine were added, and the church encouraged and strengthened. Six were from the Sunday school. We were again in revival August 23. The pastor was assisted by his brother, Rev. J. M. Jones of Philadelphia, who continued the work for more than two weeks, at which time he was called to his home church. Rev. J. Clark Oranger very kindly consented to take hold of the work, and it is moving on with power and all bids fair for a successful meeting. Two have accepted Christ as their Savior and ten asked the prayers of God's people. We have all enjoyed the excellent sermons of Revs. Jones and Oranger during this meeting, which closed last Sunday night, so that all could attend and help carry on God's work at the association. Next Sunday night their labors will begin again, and once more

we ask the prayers of all God's people for His richest blessings. Since we last met our hearts have been made sad by the death of Sister Rebecca Hunt and Sister Pelina Martin. Sister Hunt joined Cedar Creek on July 26, 1867, and died Oct. 18, 1907. Sister Martin joined us Oct. 25, 1874, and was called to that better world Feb. 11, 1908. They were both consecrated, every-day Christian women, and their deaths have cast a gloom over all. Brethren, pray for us.—Joseph I. Thompson, Church Clerk.

COLCHESTER—We began the work of the year by calling our pastor, Rev. H. F. Jones, for another year. We held a series of meetings in December, closing during the holidays, and again resuming the meetings in February. During a part of the time of these meetings Bro. Jones was assisted by Bro. Love; also by some of the local ministers. The results of our meetings were not all that we would have wished; yet we cannot know how far their influence has gone, hence we will not murmur. We hold services every two weeks; Sunday school every Sunday and are doing good work; prayer and teachers' meetings every week, lively—in fact, the life of the church. Our Woman's Mission meets monthly; also have a Ladies' Aid Society. Death claimed one of our aged members, Henry Graham, who went to his eternal home. During the year we have had seven additions to the church. With such a careful, prayerful leader as H. F. Jones, and by the grace of God, we will keep busy at our post, hoping we may do more for our blessed Master.—Carrie S. Hunt, Church Clerk.

ELVASTON—Another year of church history has been added to the past. Whether we have all measured up to the highest standard of Christian living that should characterize God's people is known by the great Judge. After being pastorless about eight months the church extended a hearty and unanimous call to Rev. E. R. Redmon of Newton, Ill., to become our pastor on full time, although we have not been formerly able to support but half-time preaching. Although it was a big undertaking, yet the church contributed nobly, and we raised enough with the free parsonage for a comfortable living. Rev. Redmon began work with us the last of December and our congregations at once began to increase. We have had very good attendance throughout the year considering that there are three churches, all having full-time service, in a town of 400 people. We have an ever-green Sunday school, although not attended as well by the older members as it should be; prayer meeting every week is very well attended. In January we had three weeks of special meetings, with no visible results except the quickening of the church and two additions by letter; but as we had been long without a shep-

herd, we could hardly expect a great ingathering at that time. We believe, however, that much good seed has been sown, and we have God's word for it that it will not return to him void. Rev. Redmon is much appreciated by the church, and we hope that we may be able to retain him another year. We cannot tell what the result may be on account of the bad crops. We have done considerable improving on the church and parsonage in the way of painting and other improvements. Our missionary contributions have not been what we would like. We send to sit in council with you Rev. E. R. Redmon, Mr. and Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Groves and Miss Elsie Pennington, delegate of Sunday school.—Done by order of the church this 12th day of September, 1908. Fraternally yours, Anna C. Lively, Clerk; Rev. E. R. Redmon, Pastor.

HICKORY GROVE—We have nothing of interest to report this year. We had no additions the past year. One member, John F. Miner, was removed by death. We have secured the services of A. F. Mecum for one-fourth time. Sunday school is prospering well. We ask for an interest in your prayers, that we may prosper in the Lord.

LITTLETON—It is a pretty well known fact that our church has been on the "down grade" for several years past; past reports show that. We are making honest efforts—some of us—to stem the tide, and we believe that the groundwork for better things is being laid. Our present pastor, whom we have known for years, came to us in December, and although his predecessor had lovingly informed us that we were dead, it was not long until life was manifest among the "dry bones." We attempted a revival meeting in February. While the results were not all we had hoped for, there were results—far-reaching and permanent; and if our pastor had not been forced from the meetings at a critical time, we believe that we would have witnessed a great ingathering. Our membership was greatly revived, and many people are considering religious matters who never gave them a thought before. With God's help we will try again. Our church has been greatly weakened by deaths and removals, as well as the flourishing condition of things that usually weaken religious effort. Our meeting house is in bad condition, and we hope soon to repair or rebuild it. We are planning for that. Will you pray for us?—Mary Wells, Clerk.

MACOMB—We welcome you to our church and homes. May your coming here be a blessing to both you and us. As we review the work of the past year we feel we have much for which to be thankful. It has been a year of hard work, much enthusiasm, loyalty to the church, and co-operation of all departments in the

effort to advance the work of the Master. Our pastor, Rev. F. E. Webb, has now been with us one year and seven months. During that time the work, which was in a weakened condition when he came, has been greatly strengthened. The prayer meetings have steadily increased in interest and numbers, so that in the spring we at times had over a hundred present, and during August, while the pastor was away, the attendance was very good. The Sunday school also has had a successful year, not only in building up a splendid interest and a loyal and faithful enrollment, but in maintaining its finances so as to contribute liberally to benevolences, pay all running expenses, and buy a new set of singing books with the surplus current fund. The movement inaugurated in the young men's and young women's classes is proving a source of strength in the work. The Young People's Society has done good work, proving helpful in many ways. They have bought aisle carpet and hymnals for the church and are now engaged in paying for a new piano for the Sunday school room. During the year 36 have been received into the church by baptism, 11 by letter, and 9 by experience and restoration. We have lost by letter 12, by exclusion and erasure 2, by death 2. This makes a net gain of 40. June 27, 1907, was the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the church. Because of the work of seating and decorating the church, then in progress, the celebration of the anniversary was not held until Sunday and Monday, Oct. 13 and 14. For this jubilee program Alexander McLean, for many years Moderator of this Salem Association, had prepared a history of the church, to be read on the afternoon of October 13. But death came, and instead his funeral was held at that time. Monday night, Oct. 14, was significant to us, as on that evening occurred the burning of the mortgage, leaving our church home free from debt.

OQUAWKA—The past year has been uneventful. We still have the services of our pastor, D. H. Leland, on half time preaching with the Aledo Baptist church. With this arrangement we can hardly have the interest and growth we would like. Materially and financially we are in good condition. All obligations for the year have been promptly met, and our benevolent offerings have been much larger than usual. The sum of \$650.00 has been sent to Shurtliff College, which was largely given by one member. We have had no deaths the past year. Our greatest need is an awakening interest among our members. We need your prayers that the work of the Lord may be carried forward with reverent earnestness.—For the church, Lena Schlatter, Clerk.

PLYMOUTH—We are pleased to be able to report some progress during the past year. Rev. B. Oldham began his work with us as pastor

for one-half time service just before the association last year. He has been preaching the Word of God with earnestness and zeal, and has given us instruction that is calculated to make us, as a church, stronger spiritually. We held union revival meetings last January in the Baptist church, our pastor doing most of the preaching. As a result of the meetings there were three additions to our church by baptism. Later the ministers of the town decided to have another union meeting and secured an evangelist and singer. As a result of these meetings there were over a hundred professions. Nine of them united with the Baptist church. At the close of these union meetings the ministers decided to continue the union meetings on Sunday and Wednesday nights until about the middle of August. We have had only a few of our own church prayer meetings the past year. The church has extended a call to Bro. Oldham for another year. While we have made some progress in the Sunday school, there is much room for still greater advancement. One of our great difficulties is to get the older members of the church to attend. We have made some needed improvements and repairs at the parsonage and church, having put in electric lights at the parsonage, built a new buggy shed, and also put in some new cement walks. We have purchased a new \$175.00 organ for the church; painted the church building; papered and carpeted the vestibule; done some varnishing and other work that makes the church look more beautiful and makes it more pleasant to worship in. May the blessing of God richly rest upon you in your deliberations.

RARITAN—Our church is moving along steadily and harmoniously. We can mark no great advancement, but have had a few additions. Bro. Haney has been faithful to the interests of the church and enjoys the good will of the church and community. We hope to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the church here next December. Death has claimed one of the constituent members, Mrs. Sarah A. Voorhees, who died March 5, 1908, aged 76 years. On April 6, 1908, Bro. Harry Stanley died, aged 25.—Approved by the church, Sept. 13, 1908; Edwin Voorhees, Church Clerk.

ROSEVILLE—It is with pleasure that we send our greeting to the Salem Association. During the past year we have worked along the usual lines and have taken up some new work. Last winter union meetings were held. The churches did not receive the benefits that they had anticipated. We have lost a number of members by death and removals and we feel the loss. One family moved to Nebraska last spring, and that family, with some others, has organized a Baptist church at Horace, Neb. The

Baptist Brotherhood rented a room last fall and organized a basket-ball club for men and boys. The club expects to carry on the same plan this year. Our pastor has held a meeting for children during most of the school year. This meeting was held after school. We have been able to do more along missionary lines. One of our members has given \$1,000.00 for foreign work. Our Ladies' Missionary Society received a legacy and thus were able to give \$200.00 to the Training School building fund. We send this as a greeting to the Salem Baptist Association.— Done by order of the church, Josephine McReynolds Pratt, Church Clerk.

ROZETTA—As we look back over the past year and recount its blessings, we feel that God has been especially good unto us. In October the church, assisted by Bro. Rutherford of Orion, Ill., engaged in a series of special meetings. The power of the Holy Spirit was manifest and gave to us ten additions by baptism. Eleven more followed later, professing conversion in the regular preaching services of the church. We have enjoyed the preaching of the Word of God regularly by the faithful pastor. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are doing good work. Mid-week prayer service is maintained and, while not largely attended, proves a place of spiritual refreshment and growth to the few. Death has entered our ranks and we mourn the departure of R. J. Coghill, a beloved brother. Thus through joy and sorrow the Divine hand has led, working in us a better knowledge of and a more perfect faith in God, with which we look forward into the coming year.— Yours in service, M. H. Allaman, Clerk.

SCIOTA—Our pastor, Rev. Henry Johns, has been with us for about six months and has done all he could for us. We find in him a noble spirit and always ready to push the Lord's work. One thing is too bad, that the burden of expenses must be borne by the few. We will work to keep the old ship floating toward Zion.

ST. MARYS — The past year has been with us a quiet one. All the ordinary appointments were well sustained until the pastor's illness, about May 1st, since which time we have had preaching services only occasionally. The pastor, in his sickness, has the sympathy of the church, and we hope for his early recovery and return to his work. The church mourns the death of Rev. W. C. Halbert, which occurred at Jefferson, Iowa, on September 3, this having been his home and his home church. We have made some improvements to our parsonage and grounds. A good Sunday school is maintained throughout the year.

TENNESSEE—At the close of the year we were without a pastor. We kept up the Sunday school and, through the earnest and faithful work of our Sunday school superintendent and co-workers, a good

interest in every line of work has been maintained. In January, Rev. Flanders of Rozetta, assisted by Rev Jones of Colchester, held a two-weeks' meeting with us. The Word was preached faithfully and plain. The song services were helpful and inspiring. There seemed to be quite an interest, yet there was so much opposition the brethren thought best to close. At this time arrangements were made so that we were able to secure Bro. Jones' services for a part of the time—Tuesday evening of each week and also at 2 p. m. on alternate Sundays. These services are very helpful and encouraging, and we are trusting and praying we may receive greater blessings and the work so strengthened that our little band may be encouraged. We have had one addition by baptism. We have added new windows to our church building; that adds much to the comfort and improvement. As you meet, remember us and our faithful pastor in your prayers.

UNION—We have nothing of interest to report. We have had no regular services since Rev. John Martin resigned about two years ago. Rev. Mondell held a series of meetings last fall, but not much good resulted that we could see. Bro. McGillivray has been with us twice and collected some money for State missions. Twelve of our members have left us and united with the Berwick Baptist church without asking for letters, and one sister, Mrs. Clarinda Pickard, died a year ago. The few of us that are left are very much discouraged, but we would still like to be remembered as a church in the Association, and also in your prayers.—Edna Jenks, Church Clerk.

YOUNGSTOWN—We are very thankful for the many blessings we have received since we last met with you at Littleton. We are in good cheer, trusting in the mighty power of our Savior to help us through our troubles. Through the kindness of Bro. A. F. Mecum we held a week's meeting, which resulted in adding four to our number, besides a great deal of encouragement to our discouraged brethren. Our meeting closed, and since that time Bro. Robert Purdy has been doing all he could to help us and has conducted services Sabbath mornings and evenings every two weeks. Our number at this date is 34 residents and 10 non-residents. Upon the arrival home of our delegates from the last association they gave us a very encouraging report. The way they understood the report from the Committee on Resolutions was, if the church would raise \$200.00 from their field, the Association would pay off the balance of the debt of \$375.00, as reported as being the amount. We circulated subscription papers and raised the amount, and so reported to the Trustees, but as the minutes of the Association had not been received, nothing was done until

they were received. The minutes did not show the matter as our delegates had reported, but simply gave the church the privilege of going out among the churches of the Association to solicit. We therefore made arrangements with Bro. C. E. Ratcliff to go, which he did. Some of the churches or their members gave very liberally, others not permitting him to come on their field. The amount raised by him was \$66.33, from which his expenses of \$26.02 was deducted, leaving a balance of \$40.31. In the meanwhile, the mortgage was foreclosed and an additional cost of \$79.96 was added. Through the kindness of the judge we have managed to have the advertising and sale put off until after the meeting of the Association, September 16th, at Macomb. We come, asking the Association to take up this matter of raising the balance of the indebtedness and taking the property as security, giving us a chance to redeem, if possible. If not redeemed, it is to remain as property of the Association. The balance now to be raised is \$137.30.— Done by order of church, Mrs. Etta Arnold, Clerk.



Missionary Committee Report

Your committee of this Association submit the following report :

“Some progress in the spiritual life and interest has been made during the past year. Last year a number of churches were pastorless; this year all of the stronger churches have pastors. We are sorry to report some of the weaker churches growing weaker. The Missionary Committee decided to help these weaker churches and secured the services of Rev. D. E. Mundell of Sidell, Ill. He held a meeting at Union, but there was no interest in that community owing to the bad weather and roads. Other fields did not think best to open the churches and put forth an effort, so the committee released him from the contract and he returned home. The salary and expenses was \$50.00. We asked the churches to bear the expense; some responded cheerfully.

“We recommend that the pastors of the stronger churches assist the weaker.

“We recommend that this Association pay the indebtedness on the Youngstown church on condition that the Association gets control of the property.

J. C. Oranger,

“F. E. Webb,

“W. P. Osgood.”

Names of Messengers

BASCO—Rev. E. R. Redmon, Jane Doty.

BETHEL—Enos Hoyt, Wm. Flint, W. A. Pollock.

BLANDINSVILLE—Rev. J. Clark Oranger, Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Mrs. Myra Grigsby, Mrs. Kate Boyer, Roy Ferris, Earl Hays, Miss Orpha Prather, Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Grigsby, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Meyers.

BUSHNELL—Deacon W. H. Dawson, Miss Laura Burk, Miss S. E. Arnold, Miss Susie Westlake, Miss Corda Cole, Miss Letha Ballard, Mrs. E. Hunt, Mrs. Sopha Roberts.

CARTHAGE—Rev. T. H. Boggess, Samuel Harnest, Chester Cutler, Ward Cutler, Mrs. Ida Cutler.

CEDAR CREEK—Wm. B. Carlisle, Otis Haynes, Miss Kennett, Miss Bice, Joseph I. Thompson.

COLCHESTER—Bro. and Sister Meeks, Bro. and Sister Moon.

ELVASTON—Rev. E. R. Redmon, Mr. and Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Groves.

HICKORY GROVE—A. F. Mecum.

LITTLETON—W. H. Elliott, Mrs W. H. Elliott, Miss Laura Miller, Miss Sadie Dewitt, Miss Nina Snider, J. C. Conway.

MACOMB—J. S. Damron, J. W. Stuart, Frank Welch, Dr. T. G. Knappenberger, Mrs. H. D. McGillivray, Mrs. Frank Welch, Mrs. H. Knappenberger, Miss Lois Coffey.

PLYMOUTH—Rev B Oldham, D. M. Parks, Mrs. Rosa Parks, Mrs. Leona Huey.

RARITAN—P. H. Haney, Mrs. Carrie Flood.

ROSEVILLE—Rev. W. P. Osgood, Mrs Joseph Whitenack, Miss Jeannette Davenport, Jesse Ray, W. D. Johnston.

ROZETTA—Rev. C. L. Flanders, Mrs. C. L. Flanders, C. E. Duke.

SCIOTA—Rev. Henry Johns, Geo. Mustine, Mrs. M. J. Litchfield.

ST. MARYS—A. P. Huey, Mrs. A. P. Huey, A. McCormick, Mrs. A. McCormick, Mrs. Ollie Johnson, Rev. J. F. Foley.

TENNESSEE—J. F. Waddill, M. D. Martin, Wm. Storms.

UNION—Stephen Hickman, M. Landon.

YOUNGSTOWN—Lee Mullen, Mrs. Mary Howe, Mrs. Etta Arnold.

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28	1861	83	25	1131	Plymouth...	W F Forest...	E Mitchell...	Base
29	1862	155	25	2186	Pratie City..	J O Metcalf...	P P Shirley...	Beth
30	1863	112	25	1570	Blandinsville.	J O Metcalf...	R L Colwell..	Blar
31	1864	72	26	1515	Carthage.....	J O Metcalf...	J Elliott.....	Bush
32	1865	117	22	1592	Roseville.....	Norman Parks..	J Elhiott.....	Cart
33	1866	114	23	1456	Fall Creek....	W R Welch.....	B O Coghill...	Ceda
34	1867	80	23	1452	Union.....	A Jones.....	J E Bosler...	Colc
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41	1874	258	28	2229	Sciota.....	J M Hartington.	J H Delano...	
42	1875	231	27	2376	Roseville....	Alex McLean...	J H Delano...	
43	1876	242	27	2494	Macomb.....	Alex McLean...	G D Kent....	
44	1877	266	30	2553	Fall Creek...	Alex McLean...	G D Kent....	
45	1878	78	32	2576	Carthage.....	Alex McLean...	G D Kent....	
46	1879	58	31	2500	Union.....	S J McCormick..	G D Kent....	
47	1880	78	32	2500	St. Marys....	S J McCormick..	G D Kent....	
48	1881	58	30	2084	Blandinsville	E C Gady.....	E Rodgers....	
49	1882	388	30	2150	Littleton....	Alex McLean...	E Rodgers....	
50	1883	100	27	2089	Bethel.....	Alex McLean...	J W Saunders	
51	1884	99	27	2010	Bushnell....	Alex McLean...	A R Newton..	
52	1885	57	28	1825	Sciota.....	Alex McLean...	A R Newton..	
53	1886	117	29	2146	Macomb.....	Alex McLean...	A R Newton..	
54	1887	122	30	2093	Oquawka....	A R Newton....	G E Eldredge	
55	1888	43	30	2015	Roseville....	A R Newton....	G E Eldredge	
56	1889	158	28	2027	Plymouth...	J F Foley.....	H B Waterman	
57	1890	112	29	1936	Carthage.....	S Pickard.....	J T Malcolm..	
58	1891	120	29	1875	Blandinsville.	S Pickard.....	J T Malcolm..	
59	1892	129	28	1932	Rozetta.....	Alex McLean...	J T Malcolm..	
60	1893	101	29	1948	St. Marys....	Alex McLean...	J T Malcolm..	
61	1894	149	27	2046	Roseville....	Alex McLean...	J T Malcolm..	
62	1895	138	28	2041	Littleton....	Alex McLean...	J T Malcolm..	
63	1896	157	28	2132	Macomb.....	Alex McLean...	J T Malcolm..	
64	1897	97	28	2236	Union.....	Alex McLean...	R M Wood....	
65	1898	138	28	2221	Raritan.....	Alex McLean...	R M Wood....	
66	1899	67	28	2237	Blandinsville.	Alex McLean...	H Weddington	
67	1900	89	27	2227	Bethel.....	Alex McLean...	H Weddington	
68	1901	100	27	2261	Carthage.....	Alex McLean...	J O Conway..	
69	1902	61	26	2229	Roseville....	O J Terrell....	J O Conway..	
70	1903	72	26	2192	Rozetta.....	O J Terrell....	J O Slyter...	
71	1904	106	27	2095	St. Marys....	O J Terrell....	C L Ogden...	
72	1905	181	27	2194	Blandinsville.	O J Terrell....	Irna O Mason	

CHURCHES AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION	PASTORS AND DATE OF SETTLEMENT	Membership		Sunday School		Church Property				Church and S. S. Finance				Contributions for All Beneficent Objects.																
		INCREASE	DECREASE	No. of Scholars	No. of Teachers	Value of Church Edifice	Value of Other Property	Total Value of Property	Debt	Current Expense	Other Items	S. S. Expense	Total	State Missions	American Baptist Home Mis- sion Society	Women's B. H. M. Society	Missionary Union or Foreign Missions	Woman's B. F. M. Society	Publication Society	Christian Education	Aged Ministers' Home	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total for Beneficence	Grand Total for all objects					
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1834	22	9	181 New Hope	John Logan	D Lenox	Joel Sweet
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1840	22	7	184 Cedar Fork	John Login	James Tucker	John Logan
1841	27	8	200 New Hope	J D Newell	James Tucker	J D Newell
1842	31	27	205 Littleton	John Logan	James Tucker	John Logan
1843	30	10	377 Berwick	John Logan	B C Hord	Thos Holman
1844	68	10	446 Carthage	J Hovey	B C Coghill	J Hovey
1845	17	10	448 Oxford	John Logan	B C Coghill	Joseph Botts
1846	22	10	488 Monmouth	J Hovey	B C Hord	Jacob Bowers
1847	27	10	500 New Boston	E Miner	T Holman	E Miner
1848	45	11	534 Bethel	Joel Sweet	James Tucker	A Gross
1849	50	13	533 Berwick	Joel Sweet	James Tucker	R Weston
1850	31	15	544 Fall Creek	Joseph Botts	James Tucker	J Towen
1851	40	15	710 New Hope	Jacob Bowers	James Tucker	W T Bly
1852	38	18	809 Union	Joseph Elliott	W T Bly	Tom Camp
1853	68	19	807 Lee	Joseph Elliott	W T Bly	Joseph Elliott
1854	102	29	963 St. Marys	J O Metcalf	James Tucker	K Berry
1855	97	25	1123 Mt. Pleasant	R Newton	B C Coghill	R Newton
1856	105	25	1063 Monmouth	W F Forest	B C Coghill	W F Forest
1857	46	27	980 Berwick	W F Forest	B C Coghill	Anson Tucker
1858	112	27	1151 Hillsboro	W F Forest	B C Coghill	H S F Warren
1859	78	28	1001 Fall Creek	W F Forest	B C Coghill	P Fves
1860	138	25	1048 Independence	D W Litchfield	E Mitchell	H S P Warren
1861	83	25	1131 Plymouth	W F Forest	E Mitchell	W F Forest
1862	153	29	2180 Erie	J O Metcalf	P P Shirley	D R Gunn
1863	112	25	1570 Blandinsville	J O Metcalf	R L Colwell	W R Welsh
1864	72	26	1515 Carthage	J O Metcalf	J Elliott	H H Parks
1865	117	22	1592 Roseville	Norman Parks	J Elliott	J O Metcalf
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1868	100	23	1455 St. Marys	Norman Parks	J E Bosler	L Osborne
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1872	201	26	1756 Blandinsville	L N Hill	J E Bosler	N Kinnie
1873	145	26	1653 Bushnell	N Kinnie	J E Bosler	L Osborne
1874	288	28	2229 Scota	J M Harrington	J H Delano	H H Parks
1875	231	37	2375 Roseville	Alex McLean	J H Delano	I M Hobart
1876	242	27	2494 Macomb	Alex McLean	G D Kent	S H D Vangball
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1881	58	30	2084 Blandinsville	E C Cady	E Rodgers	Wm Swinden
1882	58	30	2150 Littleton	Alex McLean	E Rodgers	J E Todd
1883	100	37	2089 Bethel	Alex McLean	J W Saunders	R C Ray
1884	90	37	2010 Bushnell	Alex McLean	A R Newton	J C Fallis
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1903	72	20	2192 Rozetta	O J Terrell	J C Conway	Arthur J Hurley
1904	106	27	2095 St. Marys	O J Terrell	J C Conway	J O Slyter
1905	181	27	2104 Blandinsville	O J Terrell	Irma O Mason	C A Ehrhardt
1906	134	27	2397 Bushnell	O J Terrell	C L Flanders	S G Anderson
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Salem Baptist Association

Constitution

ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be known as the “Salem Baptist Association” of Illinois and shall be composed of delegates only, who shall be members or pastors of the churches belonging to this body, which they represent, except such brethren as shall be invited to seats by consent of the body.

Article II.—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty members.

Article III.—The object of this association shall be to promote union and harmony among the churches and to advise and recommend such measures as are thought best calculated to advance the Redeemer’s kingdom in the bounds of this association and throughout the world.

Section 1.—The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five Trustees.

Section 2.—The Standing Committees of the Association shall be Program, Missionary, and Stewardship.

Section 3.—The Special Committees shall be Next Session, Obituary, Resolutions, State of Religion, Registration, and Nominating.

Article IV.—The Moderator shall preside and lead in all transactions of the body and see that order and decorum are observed. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for. He shall not be chosen for more than three consecutive years.

Article V.—The Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of the business transactions during the sessions, shall take charge of the records and papers of the body, shall conduct the correspondence and shall at the beginning of each session read the minutes of the previous session.

Article VI.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same and the purpose for which they are designed, pay them out according to the order of the Association, and report the state of the treasury before the close of each session.

Article VII.—The Trustees shall look after all moneys and property within the Association that rightly belong to it. They shall make transference of property sold by them, collect the money therefrom and hold the same at the discretion of the Association. Their number shall be five, one of whom shall be elected annually.

Article VIII.—The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot and shall continue in office until the enrollment of members at the succeeding sessions of the body.

Article IX.—It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their letters and delegates to the Association an account of the state of their respective churches; particularly of the additions and diminutions within the year, and generally whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion, and money to pay for the printing of the minutes. The Clerk shall send a request with each blank that letters from the various churches be sent to him ten days in advance of the opening of the Association.

Article X.—Stewardship Committee. This committee shall consist of three. It shall be the duty of the committee by use of literature and suggestion to pastors to promote the scriptural teaching of the principles of Stewardship.

Article XI.—Program Committee. This committee shall consist of the Moderator and Clerk of the Association, Bible School Superintendent, Women's Home Missionary Director, the B. Y. P. U. President, and the entertaining pastor. It shall arrange a program for the Association and send copies of the same to each church at least two weeks before the meeting of the Association.

Article XII.—This Association shall appoint annually a Missionary Committee of five, whose duty it shall be to aid weak and destitute churches in securing preaching, to form plans for the occupation of destitute fields, to recommend the appointment of missionaries by the Board of the Illinois Baptist Convention to labor within the bounds of this Association, to superintend this work, and to assist in securing collections from each of our churches for their support. This committee shall present annually a written report to the Association.

Article XIII.—Churches that wish to be received into the Union may apply by letter and delegates and, giving satisfactory information of their being sound in faith and correct in practice, may be received and as a token of the same the Moderator shall give the delegate the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

Article XIV.—As an associated body, we utterly disclaim all or any power over the churches in respect to their independence or discipline; yet the Association, when it has reason to believe that any church connected with this body has become unsound in the faith or disorderly in practice, shall use suitable means to restore such, and failing of success, shall drop it from the minutes.

Article XV.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other associations and any religious body it may think proper.

Article XVI.—This Association shall meet annually at 2 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday before the third Lord's Day in September, at such place as shall be previously determined upon and at each evening session a sermon shall be preached by such brethren as the body shall have appointed; on Tuesday evening an introductory sermon, on Wednesday evening a Doctrinal sermon; and on Thursday evening, an Evangelistic sermon. Motion for final adjournment shall not be made until the close of the exercises Thursday evening.

Article XVII.—Any church failing to represent itself by letter or otherwise for two consecutive years shall be stricken from the minutes, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Article XVIII.—This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the body by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order

1. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.

2. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

3. No subject shall be discussed without a motion made first and seconded.

4. No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same motion without leave of the Association.

5. Every question of debate is to be decided by a majority of the members present.

6. Visiting ministers and brethren entitled to seats may speak on any subject, but vote on none.

7. Motions lost shall not be recorded in the minutes unless ordered at the time.

8. If any proposition or motion under consideration contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken on each separately.

9. Arrangements for the next session of the Association shall not be made on the first day of the session.

10. The Moderator may speak on any question, providing he calls on some member to fill the chair.

11. Any member about to speak shall address the Moderator and shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

12. These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization.

Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches great care in disciplining and excluding members, and that we advise our churches to re-

ceive disaffected or excluded members from their sister churches to their fellowship with much discretion, and that this resolution be placed on our minutes steadily.

Resolved, That we make a place on our program for the welcoming of new pastors into our association.

Resolved, That the churches of Salem Association so arrange the title of church property that it will become property of the Salem Baptist Association in the event that the local organization ceases to exist.

Resolved, That a place be given on our Program after Report of Committee on Obituaries for a suitable Memorial Service for Our Beloved Dead.

Bible School Department

By-Laws

ARTICLE I.—This shall be known as the Bible School Department of the Salem Baptist Association.

Article II.—The object of the Department shall be the advancement of the Bible Schools within its bounds.

Article III.—The officers of the Department shall be a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, and Superintendent of the Home Department; who shall be chosen at each annual meeting and discharge the duties pertaining to their several offices.

Article IV.—The Bible Schools composing this body shall furnish at each annual meeting, full and accurate statistical reports, with account of their progress and prospects.

Standing Resolutions.

The Association Committee on Institutions shall make arrangements for all future conventions.

It shall be the duty of the officers of this Department to have general oversight of the Bible School work of this Association and if desirable, to arrange for Bible School Institutes at such time and place as they think best.

Baptist Young People's Union

Constitution

ARTICLE I.—Name: The name of this Society shall be the "Baptist Young People's Union of the Salem Baptist Association."

Article II.—Object: The object of this association shall be the unification of Baptist young people; their increase spiritually; their stimulation to Christian service; their edification in spiritual knowledge; their instruction in the Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations.

Article III.—Membership: The membership of this Union shall consist of accredited delegates from Young Peoples' Societies in the Baptist churches of the Salem Baptist Association and from Baptist churches within the same limits having young people's organizations.

Article IV.—Representation: Representation shall be on the basis of five delegates for every twenty members or less and one for each additional ten in each young people's society. In a church in which no young people's society exists the church shall be entitled to five delegates for every fifty members or fraction thereof. Delegates shall be admitted only on credentials certified by an officer of the young people's society or by the clerk of that church in which no young people's organization exists.

Article V.—Officers: The officers shall be a President, one vice President, Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. Each of these persons shall perform the duties usual to their respective offices and shall be elected annually by ballot.

Article IV.—Board of Managers: The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Union and at least three additional members who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. The Board of Managers shall be empowered to employ such agencies as may be necessary to extend and cultivate Baptist young people's organizations.

Article VII.—Meetings: The Union shall meet at such time and place as the Union or Board of Managers may appoint.

Article VIII.—Amendments: This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, notice thereof having been published three months previously.

(An amendment will be offered to this Constitution at the next annual meeting.)

The Association

WEDNESDAY MORNING—

After a devotional service of half an hour conducted by Rev. H. F. Bueker, of Plymouth, the Moderator called the Association to order. The first in order was the report of the Program Committee. The Moderator reported the printed program with such changes as shall be necessary from time to time. On motion the program was adopted.

The program then called for the introduction of new pastors, but owing to the absence of so many at this time a motion was made and carried that this number on the program be postponed until such time as the Moderator shall see fit to call for it.

Next came the reading of the letters from the churches. The first letter read was the one from the entertaining church, read by the church clerk Bro. Edwin Voorhees. The Clerk of the Association, assisted by Rev. J. M. Jones, of Oquawka, read the letters from the churches. All churches reported except Youngstown. At intervals during the reading of the letters when encouraging reports from struggling churches or urgent requests were made for prayer, the Moderator called on persons to pray especially for these fields. At the conclusion of the reading of the letters, Rev. D. H. McGillivray led in prayer and thanksgiving for the encouraging reports that had just been read.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—

At 1:30 Rev. J. Clark Oranger, of Blandinsville, gave a Bible study.

The new pastors were then introduced as follows: Rev. J. S. Walls, Rozetta; H. F. Bueker, Plymouth; Herbert S. Morrill, Littleton; E. L. Barkley, St. Marys, and John S. Scott, Roseville. After the Moderator extended a hearty welcome, Rev. J. S. Scott responded.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Nominating—Rev. T. H. Boggess, Carthage; Miss Matie Yerger, Oquawka; E. E. Voorhees, Blandinsville.

Next Session—Rev. J. S. Scott, Roseville; W. O. Powell, Sciota; I. D. V. Perrine, Raritan.

Obituaries—Rev. J. Clark Oranger, Blandinsville; Rev. C. A. Rice, Bushnell; Mrs. Daisy Duncan, Elvaston.

Resolutions—Rev. J. M. Jones, Oquawka; E. P. Cutler, Carthage; Rev. E. L. Barkley, St. Marys.

State of Religion—Rev. D. H. McGillivray, Macomb; Rev. H. F. Jones, Colchester; Miss Nina Snyder, Littleton.

Enrollment—Edwin Voorhees, Raritan; Rev. H. F. Bueker, Plymouth; Mrs. E. L. Barkley, St. Marys.

Missionary—Rev. D. H. McGillivray, Macomb; Rev. J. S. Scott, Roseville; Rev. J. C. Oranger, Blandinsville; Rev. T. H. Boggess, Carthage; Rev. J. S. Walls, Rozetta (post office, Kirkwood.)

Stewardship—Rev. J. M. Jones, Oquawka; Ward A. Cutler, Carthage; Edwin Voorhees, Raritan.

Two members of the committee appointed last year to revise the constitution, being absent, the Moderator appointed two others to take their places. Committee to revise the constitution: Rev. J. Clark Oranger, Blandinsville; Rev. T. H. Boggess, Carthage; Rev. J. M. Jones, Oquawka.

Rev. J. M. Jones was then introduced as the preacher of the Introductory Sermon. Rev. H. S. Morrill read John 2:1-11. I Cor. 13:1—and Rev. T. H. Boggess led in prayer.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

THEME—The Christ, our Redeemer, is JUST the NEED of EACH Succeeding and Rapidly Changing Age.—

Jno. 2:1-11. Is a Miracle. Is a Symbol.

1. As a Miracle.

This evidence of the Supernatural in Him was to lead the Disciples to believe in Him. This did. Verse 11.

2. As a Symbol.

“And Jesus was invited to the wedding.”

Christ now takes his position in the midst of the world's need.

“They have no wine.”

The life, the liberty, the joy, and the power of God has gone out of the Jewish forms and ceremonies.

“Woman what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.”

Jesus was commissioned by the God of Heaven, and his time was foreordained.

“What-so-ever He saith unto you do it.”

This was the unconditional attitude—He now becomes God's representative.

“Fill the jars with water.”

In Christ is all the purposes of the forms and ceremonies fulfilled, and now they are to be done away.

“Now draw out and bear to the governor of the feast.”

He was to draw from the well of eternal truth of God and bear to the needy world.

“Thou hast kept the best wine until now.”

God's greatest gift, His best gift is now revealed and offered to undeserving man.

If God is Love so also is His Son.

Then in I Con. 13:1-3, we have revealed what all the best things of this world are worth without this one.

Verses 4-7 defines it and tell how we may know it.

Then Verses 8-11 gives the relative value.

It solves all questions, satisfies all demands.

Following the Introductory Sermon came the Women's Hour.

At 5:15 the association was called to order. The Clerk being absent a motion was made and carried that Miss Orpha Prather act as Clerk. pro tem. The matter regarding the adoption of the resolution of the Sunday School Association asking to be made a part of the Association proper, was presented and on motion the request was granted.

(See minutes of Sunday School Association.)

There being nothing further the session adjourned with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—

7:30 Evangelistic Services, Rev. Herbert S. Morrill, Littleton.

At 8 o'clock the Clerk of the Raritan church, Edwin Voorhees, read a history of the entertaining church.

HISTORY OF THE RARITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

At a meeting held at the home of Jaques Voorhees in Raritan, Ill., December 24th, 1858, Bro. Henry Johnson, of the Roseville, Ill., Baptist church, presiding as Moderator. resolutions were drawn up for the organization of a Baptist church and adopted by the following:

Harry Bull

Elvira Bull

L. V. Otis

Clarisa Otis

William Perrine

Alleta Perrine

C. V. D. Spader

Jane Spader

Jaques Voorhees

Sarah A. Voorhees

Elizabeth Hill

Amanda Perrine

A little band of twelve, with little means to push forward the Lord's work for this was the day of pioneering, but a band with a large amount of courage and zeal for the Master's cause. Of this number we have one honored sister who is still with us—Elizabeth Hill.

February 22, 1859, this little band was formally recognized as a Baptist church by a council called for that purpose, and shortly after Bro. Harry Bull and William Perrine were chosen as the first Deacons and Bro. Jaques Voorhees, Clerk. Elder H. B. Johnson was the first pastor

and received a salary of \$200 per year for preaching every two weeks. 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m.

Prayer meetings were held every Sabbath at 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

November 25th, 1860, the first special meetings were held in the old school house that still remains in the village, conducted by the pastor, Elder Trower, and Elder Sherley. And in December of the same year the first candidates for baptism were received. Sister Ella Hixson—the first convert—is still a faithful member of this church.

As a result of this meeting, twenty-seven were added to the church and with a few exceptions remained faithful and earnest workers.

From the fact that it required no small amount of courage and fortitude to be baptized in a creek of ice cold water on a winter day, we attribute in part their faithfulness.

January 3, 1860, it was voted to build a house of worship, 32x44, 16-foot posts. Building operations were commenced that summer but it was not until the 24th of June, 1866, that the house was dedicated.

The first pastor of the church at this time received his salary by the sale of seats, or pews, of the church, which amounted to about \$400.

Some trouble with delinquent members had occurred. so in February, 1868, as I suppose, to facilitate the business of dealing with them, a committee of two was appointed as a standing committee of vigilance, to look after these members and report to the church as occasion might require.

One young sister was brought before the church for waltzing on the church door platform after a young people's prayer meeting, and a young man for attending a horse race, so the church thought it necessary to adopt the following resolution:

"We, the Baptist church of Raritan, Ill., in church capacity assembled express it as our deliberate opinion that dancing, card playing, gambling, and kindred amusements are reprehensible and incompatible with correct Christian deportment."

Business meetings were conducted by the male members, as far as speech was concerned, until 1869, when it was voted to allow the women to speak in business meetings.

The date of the organization of the Sunday school is not found in the records, nor the name of the first superintendent. But mention of an election of a superintendent is found in the year 1868 and Bro. Jaques Voorhees was the man elected.

In December, 1869, a special meeting was called to consider the propriety of having a Christmas tree in the church for the Sunday school, and a committee was appointed to see that it was for the Sunday school only. There was considerable objection to using the church for a Christmas tree, and as the bell cracked and was made useless when

ringing for the occasion, it was said it was a judgment for desecration of the church.

In the year 1870 a new bell was purchased at a cost of about \$350.00, which has done duty ever since.

During this half century of its existence the church has employed twenty-nine pastors and supplies who have remained on duty from three months to four years.

Many of these deserve special mention, but the lack of proper knowledge forbids.

Also there has been about 500 members enrolled. The influence and help of this number can hardly be known. Many have gone to their reward, but their memory still lives. Others have gone to the East and to the West, and there is a chain that reaches across this country of ours.

The life of this church has not been all love and sunshine. It has seen its dark and troublesome days when it seemed about to be crushed out. But the Lord still reigns and the little church that came into existence fifty years ago still lives.

May the Lord continue to own and bless it.

Rev. D. H. McGillvray, of Macomb, gave a birds-eye view of our State Mission field in a short, but forceful, address.

Rev. T. L. Ketman, of Chicago, spoke for the three great National Societies, presenting world-wide missions, not only as a Christian duty, but one of great opportunity. At the close of this excellent address, the Moderator spoke a few words in behalf of legislative candidates of the Anti-Saloon League. Offering, \$6.21.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Ketman.

THURSDAY MORNING—

8:30—Devotional Service led by Rev. E. L. Barkley, of St. Marys.

9:00—O. B. Turner, of St. Marys read a paper on "The Problem of the Country Church." The paper was favorably commented upon by those present.

Robert Purdy was then introduced and asked the privilege of going into the churches and giving his lecture on "The Education of the Blind." The matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Report of Enrollment Committee

We your Committee on Enrollment find the following persons as accredited delegates according to the Register.

Basco—Jane Doty, Laura Huff.

Bethel—Mrs. Rose Griswold, Mrs. E. C. Martin.

Blandinsville—Rev. J. C. Oranger, Walter Farris, Mrs. Walter Farris, E. E. Voorhees, Mrs. Lizzie Ebelsizer, Miss Orpha Prather, Mrs. Mary Sly, Mrs. L. C. Bond, Mrs. W. H. Grigsby, Robert Purdy.

Bushnell—Rev. Chas. A. Rice, Mrs. W. H. Dawson.

Carthage—Rev. Thos. H. Boggess, Mrs. T. H. Boggess, Mrs. S. R. Parker, E. P. Cutler, and Ward A. Cutler.

Cedar Creek—W. B. Carlile.

Colchester—Rev. H. F. Jones.

Elvaston—Miss Ellen Fisher, Mrs. Daisy Duncan, Mrs. Della Garvey, Mrs. M. E. Baldon.

Hickory Grove—Rev. H. F. Jones.

Littleton—Rev. Herbert S. Morrill, Mrs. Samuel Everhart, Mrs. F. S. Misner, Mrs. Charles Snyder, Miss Nina Snyder.

Macomb—Rev. D. H. McGillivray, Mrs. D. H. McGillivray.

Oquawka—Rev. J. M. Jones, Miss Matie Yerger.

Plymouth—Rev. Henry Bueker, Mrs. Henry Bueker.

Raritan—Rev. C. L. Flanders, Mrs. C. L. Flanders, J. B. Philhower, Edwin Voorhees, Mrs. Mabrey, Mrs. Anna May Gearhart.

Roseville—Rev. John S. Scott, Mrs. J. S. Scott, W. D. Johnston, Mrs. George Rayburn, Mrs. Ivan Aylesworth, Miss Minnie Brent.

Rozetta—Rev. J. S. Walls, Mrs. J. S. Walls, F. W. Smith, B. C. Duke.

Sciota—Rev. H. F. Jones, Mrs. M. J. Litchfield, W. O. Powell, Mrs. W. O. Powell.

St. Marys—Rev. E. L. Barkley, Mrs. E. L. Barkley, Mrs. A. McCormick, Mrs. James Garnett.

VISITORS—Rev. T. L. Ketman, D. D., Chicago; Mrs. Katherine Boyer, Blandinsville; Rev. W. B. Morris, Bloomington; Miss Esther Olson, Morgan Park; Mrs. Ann E. Strader, University Place, Neb.; Rev. A. C. Kelly, Irvington; Miss Gertrude Miller, Guantanamo, Cuba; Joseph I. Thompson, Cedar Creek; Mrs. Frank Welch, Sciota; Master Donald McGillivray, Macomb; Miss Crystal Garvey, Elvaston; Pearl Fife, Margaret T. Grills, Mrs. Ethel Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Martin, Mr. and Mrs.

Felix Myers, Miss Olive Myers, J. M. Charter, Mrs. E. S. Shlusher, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Burkhart, H. R. G. and Mrs. C. L. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Martin, Elandinsville and Mrs. Ira Capps, Miss Jennie Lape, Roseville; Mrs. Carrie Wetzel, Carthage. This makes a total of 76 delegates and 33 visitors.

On motion the report was adopted.

Report of Missionary Committee

Your committee met in Galesburg on October 20th, and devised ways and means to meet the needs of our field, and were unanimous in entering into unison with the state convention in calling a man as pastor-at-large to work among those fields in the Association that were pastorless, and would not call a pastor and were inactive because of weakness and dissention. Bro. H. F. Jones was called to the work and assumed the duties about the first of December, 1909. Bro. Jones has been doing faithful work with the Elvaston, Basco, Sciota and Hickory Grove churches. Besides this he has supplied at intervals during the week, Colchester, Cedar Creek, and Tennessee, and assisted State Missionary McGillivray in a two weeks' meeting at Adair, Ill., where the old Farmers' Township church was revived, reorganized and is now under the watch-care of Bro. Jones, in connection with the Hickory Grove church. The result of Bro. Jones' work is seen in the report of the different churches, all of which have given favorable reports and have had many changes for the betterment of the church and community during the months Bro. Jones has labored with them. Bro. Oranger has also helped some in this good work by supplying afternoons every two weeks at Cedar Creek. Rev. D. H. McGillivray has also given time to the missionary work of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. MCGILLIVRAY

J. C. ORANGER

T. H. BOGGESS.

On motion the report was adopted.

Report on State of Religion

There are many hopeful signs of advancement in the churches of the Association since our meeting last year. While the number of additions to the churches is not all that we might hope, yet there is advancement for which we rejoice. Number of baptisms reported by the

churches during the year, 126; additions by letter, 94; decrease in membership in various ways, 103, leaving a total increase of 117. The total membership of the churches of the Association now numbers 2376. Aside from the work of Bro. H. F. Jones with the weaker churches, there are at present ten settled pastors in the Association.

During the past year new churches have been dedicated at Blandinsville and Littleton, which with the new church now in course of construction at Carthage, will involve a total expenditure of about \$45,000.

The note of Evangelism which has already been sounded during the session of the Association has the tone of the Master to it, and fervently let us pray and zealously labor to the end that the report for the coming year shall be a much better report than this one has been.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. MCGILLIVRAY

H. F. JONES

NINA SNYDER.

By T. H. B.

Report adopted.

The resignation of M. D. Martin, of Tennessee, as trustee, was read and on motion was accepted.

Rev. Flanders made a short address on the work of Shurtleff college at Upper Alton, Ill.

Report of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee reports as follows:

For Moderator—Rev. J. C. Oranger, of Blandinsville.

For Clerk—Rev. C. L. Flanders, of Raritan.

For Treasurer—A. P. Huey, of St. Marys.

For Trustee (Five year term)—J. C. Cutler, of Carthage.

For Trustee (to fill unexpired term of M. D. Martin, of Tennessee, Ill.,)—Theodore Martin, of Blandinsville.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. BOGGESS

MATIE YERGER

E. E. VOORHEES.

Motion to adopt the report and that the Clerk pro tem cast the ballot of the Association for the parties named. Motion carried, the ballot was cast and the persons were declared elected.

After the election of officers the retiring Moderator asked Rev. Boguess to escort the newly elected Moderator to the platform. After a few words of greeting by the retiring Moderator and a response by the

new one, the body proceeding with the regular routine of business.

Bro. Morrill made a motion that we as an association express our appreciation of Bro. Flanders' faithful and painstaking work as Moderator for the past three years. It was carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, respectfully submit the following:

I. Resolved, that we endorse the Baptist Orphanage work of the state and we recommend that the Moderator appoint one person from each church of the Association to represent the interests of the Hudson Baptist Orphanage corporation as provided by the constitution of that institution and that this appointment be made each year.

II. Resolved, that we heartily endorse and recommend to the membership of our churches all the literature and periodicals of the Northern Baptist Convention and those of our own state.

III. Resolved, that we heartily approve the noble work of the Women's Missionary Societies of this Association and recommend that all churches not having societies arrange to organize one as soon as convenient.

IV. Resolved, that we, the churches of this Association, heartily approve of the apportionment plan as arranged by the National Societies and the State Convention.

V. We recommend that along with the officers and trustees of the Association, there appear also on the title page, the names of the standing committees and officers of the departments.

VI. Resolved, that we recommend to the churches that they support in every way possible the great temperance movement and express our confidence in the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois.

VII. We recommend that the matter referred to this committee concerning our brother, Robert Purdy, be referred to the Moderator of this Association.

VIII. Resolved, that we, the delegates and visitors to this Association express our hearty appreciation to the members and friends of the Raritan church for their generous hospitality.

J. M. JONES

E. L. BARKLEY

E. P. CUTLER.

On motion the resolutions were adopted seriatim. The first, third, and sixth resolutions were discussed and the last was unanimously adopted by a rising vote. The report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

During the past year the grim reaper has taken from us thirty-one persons ranging in age from fifteen to eighty-three years. Their names are as follows:

CHURCH	NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Bethel.....	Elias Hatfield.....	..83..	..Jan. 26, 1910.
"	W. A. Pollock.....	.....	..Oct. 26, 1909
"	Mrs. W. J. Holstein.....	.....	..March 16, 1910.
"	Mrs. Armina Hoyt.....	.....	..July 15, 1910.
Blandinsville...	Miss Elizabeth Ingram..	..21..	..Sept. 8, 1909.
"	Gladys Irene Grigsby...	..15..	..Jan. 19, 1910.
"	Mrs. H. R. Grigsby.....	..57	..Jan. 25, 1910..
"	Peter Boyer.....	..62..	..March 29, 1910.
"	George D. Mourning.....	..82..	..May 2, 1910.
Carthage.....	Mary Elizabeth Proctor:	..32..	..Sept. 3, 1910.
Cedar Creek...	Henry Harmon.....	.....	..April .., 1910.
"	Eva Creasy.....	.....	..April .., 1910.
Colchester.....	No name given.....	.....	.....
Elvaston.....	Deacon John Lively.....	..76..	..August 16, 1910.
Littleton.....	Mrs. Margaret Runkle...	..72..	..Dec. 13, 1909.
"	Daniel Chipman.....	..71..	..Aug. 29, 1910.
Macomb.....	Mrs. Hannah Axford.....	.....	..Jan. 10, 1910.
Roseville.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Coghill..	..73..	..April 21, 1910.
Sciota.....	Mrs. Martha Simmons..	..77..	..March 31, 1910.
St. Marys.....	Mrs. Sykes.....	.....	..Feb. 25, 1910.
"	Mrs. John Frank.....	.....	..June 6, 1910.
"	Mrs. Robert Botts.....	.....	..Feb. 25, 1910.

C. A. RICE

J. C. ORANGER

MRS. DAISY DUNCAN

Following the report the Moderator spoke feelingly of the death of Rev. S. G. Anderson, former pastor at St. Marys, who died at Cass City, Mich., in October of last year. In his address he paid a glowing tribute to others also who had been called from life's labors to Heaven's glory. Sisters Litchfield, Garnet and Garvey and Brethren Boggess and Morrill also took part in the exercises.

Closed with prayer.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—

1:15—Devotional service, Rev. J. S. Walls, followed by the Bible study conducted by Bro. Oranger.

Rev. C. L. Flanders was then called to the platform to preach the Doctrinal sermon. Text II Tim. 1:10. The passage tells of Salvation. I. How secured: "Not of works." 1. Not the moving cause, but the love and favor of God. 2. Not the procuring cause, but the obedience and death of Christ. 3. Not the application. Work before salvation not of faith; afterward it is the fruit of our calling. "By grace are ye saved."

II. What Christ's salvation does for those who embrace it: 1. Abolishes death—makes death of none effect. (a) Physical Christ deprived it of its sting. (b) Ethical aspect of death. Christ caused us to "pass from death unto life" in regeneration. 2 Life revealed. (a) Sermon on the Mount tells us how to treat God and man—how to live. (b) Shows us the best things in life. Disciples giving property and all to follow Him for the better things in life. (c) Tell of our future life. 3. Immortality illumined. The real things of life we do not see, hear nor touch and these invisible things are the real things and the enduring things.

After the sermon business was again resumed. The Moderator called the Clerk to the chair while the former gave the report of the Committee on Revising the Constitution. (The revisions are so extensive that the Clerk will make the corrections in the Constitution in the front part of this book.)

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted there being 32 votes in favor of the amendments. As the committee was unable to complete its work at this session it was continued until next year.

Report of Committee on Next Session

Your committee on Next Session makes the following report: Place of meeting, Carthage. Time, Tuesday, at 2 p. m. before the third Sunday in September, 1911. Preacher of Introductory sermon, Rev. J. C. Oranger, Blandinsville, alternate, Rev. H. F. Bueker, Plymouth; Preacher of Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. H. S. Morrill, Littleton, alternate, Rev. E. L. Barkley, St. Marys. Preacher of the Evangelistic Sermon, Rev. H. F. Jones, Colchester.

J. S. SCOTT
W. O. POWELL
I. V. D. PERRINE

3:30—Adjourned for the B. Y. P. U. Session.

THURSDAY EVENING—

The question of adopting the report of the Committee on Next Session was taken up for action. A motion was made for the adoption of the report as read. Bro. Morrill made a plea for the next session to be held at Littleton, whereupon Bro. Boggess expressed a willingness to let Littleton have the next meeting. An amendment was made to the motion to substitute Littleton as the place of meeting instead of Carthage. The amendment carried and the report was adopted as amended.

The Committee on Hudleson Baptist Orphanage was then appointed by the Moderator as follows: Basco, Jane Doty; Bethel, Mrs. Agnes Hatfield, Colchester; Blandinsville, C. E. Wright; Bushnell, Henry Cheek; Carthage, E. P. Cutler; Cedar Creek, W. B. Carlisle, Colchester, R. F. D.; Colchester, S. W. Meeks; Elvaston, Thos. Garvey; Hickory Grove, David Smith, Table Grove; Littleton, Ed. Elliott; Macomb, Smith Damron; Oquawka, G. W. Forgey; Plymouth, P. C. Huey; Raritan, Geo. B. Reed; Roseville, Miss Carrie Coghill; Rozetta, F. W. Smith, Oquawka; Sciota, W. O. Powell; St. Marys, O. B. Turner, Plymouth; Tennessee M. D. Martin.

The Clerk's report:

RECEIPTS

Sept. 25, 1909, from Littleton church	\$ 1.20
Sept. 11, 1910, from St. Marys church	1.00
Sept. 11, 1910, from treasurer, A. P. Huey	16.66
Balance Due	28.22
	\$47.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Dec. 20, 1909, postage and express on minutes	\$ 3.88
Jan. 10, 1910, printing minutes.....	43.20
	\$47.08

Respectfully submitted, Sept. 13, 1910.

W. D. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

The report was adopted.

A motion was then made that the Clerk send letters to each church asking them to contribute \$1.50 each toward the indebtedness. The following named churches responded to this appeal with the amount asked: Blandinsville, Bushnell, Carthage, Elvaston, Littleton, Macomb, Oquawka, Raritan, Roseville, Rozetta, Sciota, St. Marys and Tennessee. Hickory Grove church gave \$1.00.

At the close of the B. Y. P. U. program the Moderator again took charge and conducted the closing exercises after a motion to adjourn. The closing prayer was made by the Moderator.

Digest of Letters.

ADAIR—We are glad to greet you. Rev. McGillivray assisted by Rev Jones held a three weeks meeting with us in July. The few remaining members of the Farmers township church voted to change their meeting place to Adair. Seven new members were added. Bro. Jones still preaches for us once a month. The meetings are held in the town hall. We wish to be admitted into the association.

BASCO—The church has prospered during the year. Bro. Sheerer held a meeting for us last October. Bro. H. F. Jones is doing good work as pastor.

BETHEL—We have lost four members by death. Bro. Oldham closed his work as pastor last November. Bro. Albert Ford, a student, supplied for summer. Pray for us.

BLANDINSVILLE—The past year has been the greatest in our history. Our new \$10,000 church was dedicated December 19, 1909, free from debt. Evangelist Morrill and wife assisted in a ten days' revival and many were saved. We have graded lessons in the Sunday school with an increase in attendance. The B. Y. P. U. devotional meetings are interesting and helpful. The young people entertained the Associational Rally in June. The Women's Missionary Society has done good contributed to the church. There is a marked increase of interest in all lines of work.

BUSHNELL—The church needs awakening. We held a three weeks' meeting last year without any visible results. Our pastor gives us earnest and faithful service.

CARTHAGE—The past year has been one of interest and activity. We have two Sunday schools each doing good work, two interesting prayer meetings each week, besides a faithful B. Y. P. U. A class in Stewardship and Missions did helpful work last winter. Our ladies have been loyal and faithful. While they have kept in touch with the larger work they have also worked hard to meet their pledge for the new church. Our main efforts have centered in our new church. We are making every sacrifice to secure the needed equipment to carry on the work more successfully. We have kept up the regular benevolences.

CEDAR CREEK—After three years of faithful service as pastor, Bro. Jones resigned and since that we have had no pastor. Bro. Oranger and Bro. Jones have supplied for us. We still maintain a B. Y. P. U. The Aid Society has arranged to paint the meeting house. We have a good Sunday school and hope soon to get a pastor. We ask your prayers.

COLOHESTER—We have not as good a report as we had hoped owing to the fact that our worthy pastor, Rev. H. F. Jones resigned soon after

the Association last year. Our prayer meeting, Sunday school, Ladies Aid and Women's Home Mission Society are all prospering. Pray for us.

ELVASTON—Considering the present condition of the church as compared with a year ago, we have reason to thank God and take courage. Bro. H. F. Jones preaches to us a fourth of the time. A series of meetings was held about the first of the year and souls were saved. We are convinced that a church need not die even on fourth time preaching. Our prayer meetings are equal in attendance to the resident membership. Our other services are well sustained and the benevolent objects supported. We have lost a valued member. Some improvements have been made in the property.

HICKORY GROVE—Rev. H. F. Jones preaches to us one fourth time and there are evidences of new life and energy. We ask an interest in your prayers.

LEE—Rev. C. A. Rice has preached for us every two weeks during the year. We have a small union Sunday school.

LITTLETON—The past year has been a successful one. We dedicated our new church building Jan. 2, 1910. Rev. H. L. Morrill preached the dedicatory sermon and in February was called as pastor, who began his work with us in April. We have also made improvements on the parsonage. During the summer months we conducted open air meetings, the chorus choir, revival sermons, and appropriate stereopticon views attracter thousands of people. The past year we have received more members than for a score of years. All departments are well sustained and the prayer meetings average over fifty.

MACOMB—Our new pastor began his work Oct. 1, last year and closed his work Sept. 1st. Evangelist Stucker conducted a series of meetings with us last January. We have lost some valuable workers by removal the past year. The Women's Missionary Society was re-organized last winter.

OQUAWKA—There has been a steady growth the past year. The S. S. has increased in attendance and some valuable workers have been added. A Junior B. Y. P. U. has been organized. The pastor's sermons and his untiring efforts have been rewarded.

PLYMOUTH—Bro. Oldham closed his labors with us last September and after six months Bro. Bueker took up the work and is proving himself a wise leader. We have a Ladies' Aid, a Women's Missionary Society and a Sunday school. The church expects to make some improvements in its property.

RARITAN—We give the glad hand of welcome. May our meeting be mutually helpful. We note progress in the church work to an unusual degree. Bro. Gilbert closed his labors as supply last April and Bro. Flanders began his work as pastor in June. We had a union

meeting in August and had many additions and organized a B. Y. P. U. We have installed a gasoline light plant in the church.

ROZETTA—After four years of faithful service as pastor Bro. Flanders closed his labors in June. Bro. Saunders supplied until August when Bro. J. S. Walls became our pastor and is fast getting hold of the hearts of the people. The S. S. is doing good work, but the mid-week prayer service and the B. Y. P. U. could be better. We hope for a change in this respect. The sisters hold helpful missionary meetings each month. We have raised every item of the "Budget" and forwarded it on time.

ROSEVILLE—We had a union tabernacle meeting in March, conducted by Hicks and Williams. We had an interesting Junior Society during the school year. In June Bro. Osgood resigned and in July the church called Bro. J. S. Scott, of Princeton, who took up the work September 4.

SCIOTA—Bro. H. F. Jones held a two weeks' meeting with us in February with good results. Bro. Jones preaches for us once a month. The debt that was reported last year as being several hundred dollars has been found to be a false charge against the church, with the exception of \$67.30. It is hoped that this will vanish as the rest has done.

ST. MARYS—The church mourns the death of its late pastor, Rev. S. C. Anderson, of Cass City, Mich., October 21, 1909. We had half time preaching through the winter, but now have Bro. Barkley settled with us. Congregations are good. Rev. F. A. Riesner held a meeting for us resulting in six conversions from the S. S. A small debt on the parsonage has been paid and some improvements made on the buildings. We have lost many members by death and removals. We have an excellent S. S. and Mission Circle.

TENNESSEE—Bro. Jones has preached for us the past year as he could spare the time from other work. We appreciate his helpful sermons and wish he could continue with us. We have a small but interesting S. S. Sister Louderman died last January.

RECOGNITION MEETING AT ADAIR.

As a result of the recently organized church at Adair, the Moderator called a meeting for recognition service to be held at Adair Tuesday, October 25, 1910, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Each church was asked to send the pastor and one additional delegate. The following named persons responded as delegates from their respective churches:

Blandinsville—Rev. J. Clark Oranger.

Bushnell—Rev. C. A. Rice, S. E. Arnold.

Carthage—Rev. T. H. Boggess, S. E. Harnest, J. C. Cutler, Mrs. J. C. Cutler.

Cedar Creek—Rev. P. H. Haney.

Colchester—Rev. P. H. Haney.

Elvaston—Rev. H. F. Jones.

Hickory Grove—Rev. H. F. Jones, Aleck Blazer, Isaac Brown, Mrs. Isaac Brown.

Littleton—Rev. H. L. Morrill, Ed. Elliott.

Macomb—Rev. D. H. McGillivray.

Plymouth—Rev. H. E. Bueker.

Raritan—Rev. C. L. Flanders, Edwin Voorhees.

Roseville—Rev. J. S. Scott, Mrs. J. S. Scott.

Sciota—Rev. H. F. Jones.

Tennessee—Rev. H. F. Jones,

Total number of delegates, 20.

The Council voted unanimously to receive the Adair church into the Salem Association as a regularly constituted Baptist church. Rev. C. L. Flanders, of Raritan, gave an address on "The Need of a Baptist Church in a Community." This was followed by a discussion. At the evening service Rev. J. C. Oranger preached a sermon on "The Father's Business or the Evangelistic Work of the Church." Rev. T. H. Boggess gave the address of welcome, Rev. J. S. Scott the charge to the church, and the hand of fellowship by the Moderator, Rev. J. C. Oranger.

J. CLARK ORANGER, Moderator.

C. L. FLANDERS, Clerk.

The Bible School.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON—

The Moderator called the Sunday School Convention to order and introduced Miss Matie Yerger of Oquawka, who was to preside in the absence of the president elected last year. After devotional service of half an hour led by W. D. Johnston, of Roseville, C. E. Perrine, of Raritan, spoke on "What I Want in My School and How to Get It." He said in part we want Workers, not Jerkers or Shirkers. We want Christian teachers and better equipment. We should have a purpose, a plan and more prayer. "How to Use the Bible in the Class" by Joseph I. Thompson, of Cedar Creek, was then presented and was followed by a discussion. Mrs. T. H. Boggess, of Carthage, presented the topic, "How to Increase Missionary Interest in the Sunday School. Round table discussion was then led by Rev. W. B. Morris, State Sunday School Missionary. Subject, "My Aim as a Teacher."

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We your committee on nominations report as follows:

Superintendent—E. P. Cutler, Carthage.

Assistant Superintendent—Matie Yerger, Oquawka.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Orpha Prather, Blandinsville.

President Cradle Roll—Miss Nina Snyder, Littleton.

Superintendent Home Department, Mrs. Leigh Hunt, Colchester.

REV. H. F. JONES

MRS. DAISY DUNCAN

MISS ORPHA PRATHER

Committee.

The report was adopted and the respective officers declared elected.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The treasurer begs leave to report: Amout on hand Sept. 13th, 1910,
\$2.22.

ORPHA PRATHER, Treasurer.

Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING—

7:30—Devotional service led by Rev. H. F. Jones, of Colchester.

8:00—Rev. A. C. Kelly, of Irvington presented the work of Hudelson Baptist Orphanage.

8:30—Address: Rev. W. B. Morris, State Sunday School Missionary, of Bloomington.

Offering amounted to \$5-20.

Adjourned.

Call Meeting of the Sunday School Convention—Wednesday Afternoon—

5:00—The Vice President, Miss Yerger, presiding. Bro. Oranger for the Committee on Revising the Constitution, presented the following:

“Your committee would carefully submit the following: A careful survey of our field and forces reveals the fact that a much higher degree of efficiency in our Baptist Sunday School Work is possible. Graded Schools, Graded Lessons, Teachers Training and the teaching of Missions are needing emphasis, if we are to keep pace with the modern standards, new schools in needy communities should be organized. In order that this may be efficiently carried forward the local association must be organized. We therefore, recommend that a Bible School Department of this association be created, to be under the direction of a

commission of five interested and competent persons appointed by the association, the first named shall be superintendent of the commission. The duty of this commission shall be: To have general oversight of the Sunday School work in the association. The Associational Superintendent shall be, ex-officio, a member of the program committee of the association.

J. C. ORANGER
J. M. JONES
T. H. BOGGESS

Committee.

A motion was made and carried that we adopt the resolution as read. (This resolution was also adopted by the Association.)

Motion to adjourn was carried.

MISS MATIE YERGER,
Presiding.
MISS ORPHA PRATHER,
Secretary.

The B. Y. P. Union Sessions.

4:00—President Ward A. Cutler called the meeting to order. The secretary being absent, Miss Orpha Prather was elected secretary pro-tem.

Devotional service was led by E. T. Martin, of Blandinsville.

The report of the Rally held at Blandinsville, June 30th, was given by E. T. Martin. Below we give the program of the Rally.

OPENING SESSION

Devotional, Rev. C. A. Rice, Bushnell.

Welcome, Blandinsville Union.

Response, J. I. Thompson, Cedar Creek.

1:30—FIFTEEN MINUTE ADDRESSES:

"In the Usual Manner"—Rev. C. E. Gibb, Macomb.

"Young People and the Country Church"—Rev. E. HueBerk, Plymouth.

"The Value of the Mission Study Class"—Miss Edith O'Hara, Carthage.

"The Young Man and the Church"—Robert Purdy, Blandinsville.

"Our Offering"—E. T. Martin, Blandinsville.

"Committee Work"—W. H. Damron, Basco.

3:00—"Problems and Methods,"—General discussion led by Rev. J. C. Oranger, Blandinsville.

4:00—Social Hour.

EVENING SESSION.

7:00—Praise Service—Bert Dennis, Macomb.

7:15—"A Model Meeting."—Mrs. T. H. Boggess, Carthage.

8:15—Address—State President, Claude E. Boyer, Plano.

Solos were furnished by Miss Lydia Martin and Miss Nelson, Blandinsville; Joy Cutler, and Miss Edith O'Hara, of Carthage.

After the report of the rally the reports from the Unions were given. Eleven Unions responded.

Motion was made and carried that the Associational Union give \$5.00 toward printing the minutes.

Motion made and carried that the President appoint a Committee on Nominations to report at the evening session. Those appointed were: D. C. Duke, Rozetta; Miss Nina Snyder, Littleton; Robert Purdy, Blandinsville.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

7:15—Devotional Service. "Personal Work." Rev. J. C. Oranger, of Blandinsville.

7:30—Business.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows: For President, Ward A. Cutler, Carthage; Vice-Pres., E.T. Martin, Blandinsville; Secretary, Miss Orpha Prather, Blandinsville; Treasurer, Miss Mary Van Etten, Macomb. Managers, M. H. Allaman, Rozetta; C. E. Perrine, Raritan; Mrs. Hattie E. Morrill, Littleton. On motion the report was adopted and the officers named declared elected.

Report of B. Y. P. U. Treasurer.

Received from former Treasurer.....	\$34.27
Received from Blandinsville Rally.....	2.25
	\$36.52
Paid to Treasurer of Association for stamps	\$.40
Paid to Claude E. Boyer.....	5.60
Paid to expense of Blandinsville Rally	3.60
Balance on hand.....	24.67
	\$34.27

Signed, Miss Jennie Lape, Treas. Assn. B. Y. P. U., Sept. 15, 1910

On motion the report was adopted.

8:30—Address, “The Conservation of a Great Natural Resource,” Rev. J. S. Walls, Rozetta.

8:30—Address, “Social Service,” Rev. T. H. Boggess, Carthage.

Meeting turned over to the Moderator of the Association.

The Women’s Missionary Societies

At 12:30 on Wednesday a conference of women was held and helpful literature was discussed and distributed. We also accepted the new constitution provided for us at the Northern Baptist Convention and discussed our new relationship to that body. All agreed it was much better to abolish the old “money basis” of membership in the respective circles and to include all lady members of the church as members of the mission circle. The Budget was endorsed and we pledged ourselves to do our best to raise the amount asked of us.

The nominating committee composed of Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Grisby, and Mrs. Bucker made its report. It was accepted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year.

President—Mrs. S. M. Talbot, of Carthage.

Foreign Mission Director—Mrs. C. L. Flanders, of Raritan.

Home Mission Secretary—Mrs. T. H. Boggess of Carthage.

At 3:15 o’clock on Wednesday the Women’s Missionary Societies held their session of the association.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Boggess was asked to preside and in a hearty manner thanked the program committee for granting the women of the Association an extra half hour for the discussion of their work. Kindly appreciation was also expressed to the large audience for remaining during the Woman’s Session.

Mrs. McGillivray, of Macomb, conducted the devotional exercises and many earnest prayers were offered for our work.

The report of the Foreign Director showed what our women had done for Foreign Missions during the past year as follows:

Bethel	\$ 2.00	Blandinsville	\$ 5 00
Carthage	35.10	Colchester	5.60
Plymouth	1.60	Roseville	40.00
Rozetta	14.40	St. Marys	22.16
Tennessee	10.00	Total	\$135.50

The report of what the Baptist women of our Association had given to Home Missions was given as follows by the Home Mission Secretary, Mrs. Boggess.

Bethel	\$ 5.80	In goods and supplies.....	\$15.00
Blandinsville	.00	In goods and supplies.....	10.00
Cedar Creek	1.00	In goods and supplies.....	10.00
Carthage	46.69	In goods and supplies.....	127.00
Colchester	7.00	In goods and supplies.....	.00
Macomb	5.50	In goods and supplies.....	5.00
Plymouth	10.00	In goods and supplies.....	.00
Roseville	50.00	In goods and supplies.....	10.00
Raritan	6.00	In goods and supplies.....	.00
Rozetta	19.04	In goods and supplies.....	.00
St. Marys	9.90	In goods and supplies.....	11.00
Sciota	.8.65	In goods and supplies.....	20.25
Tennessee	10.00	In goods and supplies.....	.00
Elvaston	1.00	In goods and supplies.....	.00
Total	\$181.58	Total	\$208 25

Making a grand total of \$317.08 in money to Missions and \$208.25 in clothing fruit and other supplies.

After these encouraging reports were given a plea was made that more of our women become subscribers to "Missions" "Tidings" and "Helping Hand" and several new subscribers were secured.

Miss Esther Olson a graduate of this year's class in the Training School, who expects to go next fall as a missionary to Africa, then gave us a very helpful inspiring address. She told of her call to this field of service, and made a personal appeal to each heart to settle this question honestly with God, and then to make a full surrender of our lives to God for service in these needy fields. Her earnest convictions proved to us her untiring interest and zeal in her work, and as she labors with the black faced people of neglected Africa that their souls may become white through the blood of the Lamb, many hearts will remember her, and pray for her success in his name.

Miss Gertrude Miller, for several years our missionary to Cuba, then spoke of her work. In a bright, animated way she made us see the Cubans with their queer dress, customs and habits. We lived with her in a poor little Cuban house where she could have nothing really to call her own. We pitied the poor ignorant mothers who burned portions of their children's bodies as a means of punishment for disobedience, and who selfishly ate sweet meats before the eyes of their crying children with whom they would not share. We pitied them because they knew no such word or place as "home," and longed to plant more Christian homes among them. Her vivid description of their schools—scarcely more than noisy hoodlums, made us see the influence of our Christian schools over the lives of the students and we prayed for more teachers and more means to establish schools in our fields so needy.

Would that God would give us more sympathy and interest in His work for our hungry hearted heathen neighbors, who clamor for the Bread of Life! Let us put into our own lives more of the enthusiasm and consecration of those who serve in our stead at the front. Let us really pray for them and tithe for the support of their work and ours, and God will give us richer experiences, greater harvests of souls, and a deeper abiding joy in our hearts.

The session closed with an earnest prayer by the presiding officer for our workers, and for God's guidance and leadership in our work for the coming year.

Report of B. Y. P. U. Work.

Union	President	Cor. Secretary	Junior Leader	Seniors	Juniors	Benevolences
Basco.....	Mrs. W. H. Dammron...	Mrs. Wm. Felsman...	.....	15 ..	\$.....	
Blandinsville.....	E. T. Martin.....	Pearl Ashby.....	.....	43 ..	3 50	
Bushnell.....	Walter Worden.....	Letha Ballard.....	.....	25 ..	.....	
Carthage.....	Forest Harnest.....	Nellie Bots.....	Edith O'Hara.....	35 12	20 00	
Cedar Creek.....	Mrs. Jennie Parrish...	Bessie Martin (1)...	.....	26 ..	.....	
Littleton.....	Mrs. Hattie E. Morrill,	Louis Elliott.....	Mrs. Sadie Culbertson..	32 53	.....	
Macomb.....	Mary Van Eten.....	Lydia Nash.....	.....	20 ..	.....	
Oquawka.....	Lottie McElhaney	Bertha Hand.....	.....	12 ..	.....	
Raritan.....	Howard Lee (2).....	Violette Nordstrom..	.....	26 ..	.....	
Roseville.....	Jennie Lape.....	Edith Jordan.....	.....	25 ..	7 00	
Rozetta.....	Louie Jones (3).....	Earl Duke (3).....	.....	30 ..	.....	
				289 65	30 50	

Post office addresses; 1 Colchester; 2, Roseville; 3, Monmouth, R. D. 4.



26	1859	78	28	1001	Fall Creek....	W. F. Forest....	E. Mitchell.....	H. S. P. Warren
27	1860	138	25	1048	Independence.	D. W. Litchfield	E. Mitchell.....	W. F. Forest
28	1861	83	25	1131	Plymouth.....	W. F. Forest....	E. Mitchell.....	D. B. Gunn
29	1862	155	25	2186	Prairie City..	J. O. Metcalf....	P. P. Shirley.....	W. R. Welsh
30	1863	112	25	1570	Blandinsville.	J. O. Metcalf....	R. L. Colwell.....	H. H. Parks
31	1864	72	26	1515	Carbidge.....	J. O. Metcalf....	J. Elliott.....	J. O. Metcalf
32	1865	117	22	1592	Roseville.....	Norman Parks..	J. Elliott.....	H. H. Northrup
33	1866	114	23	1456	Fall Creek...	W. R. Welch....	B. C. Coghill.....	C. A. Hewett
34	1867	80	23	1452	Union.....	A. Jones.....	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
35	1868	100	23	1455	St. Marys....	Norman Parks..	J. E. Bosler.....	J. L. Benedict
36	1869	157	24	1355	Raritan.....	J. L. Benedict...	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
37	1870	168	24	1578	Macomb.....	L. Osborne.....	J. E. Bosler.....	E. Russ
38	1871	34	24	1428	Oquawka....	J. L. Benedict...	J. E. Bosler.....	N. Kinnie
39	1872	204	23	1756	Blandinsville.	L. N. Hill.....	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
40	1873	145	26	1955	Tushnell.....	N. Kinnie.....	J. E. Bosler.....	H. H. Parks
41	1874	258	28	2229	Sciota.....	J. M. Harrington.	J. H. Delano.....	S. H. D. Vaughan
42	1875	231	27	2376	Roseville....	Alex McLean....	J. H. Delano.....	I. M. Hobart
43	1876	242	27	2494	Macomb.....	Alex McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	Norman Parks
44	1877	266	30	2553	Fall Creek....	Alex McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	E. C. Cady
45	1878	78	32	2576	Carthage.....	Alex McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	W. D. Clark
46	1879	58	31	2500	Union.....	S. J. McCormick.	G. D. Kent.....	J. C. Hart
47	1880	78	32	2500	St. Marys....	S. J. McCormick.	G. D. Kent.....	Wm. Swinden
48	1881	58	30	2084	Blandinsville.	E. C. Cady.....	K. Rogers.....	J. E. Todd
49	1882	88	30	2150	Littletcn....	Alex McLean....	K. Rogers.....	R. C. Ray
50	1883	100	27	2089	Bethel.....	Alex McLean....	J. W. Saunders...	J. C. Fallis
51	1884	99	27	2010	Pushnell....	Alex McLean....	A. R. Newton....	J. W. Saunders
52	1885	57	28	1827	Sciota.....	Alex McLean....	A. R. Newton....	J. H. Delano
53	1886	117	29	2146	Macomb.....	Alex McLean....	A. R. Newton....	J. F. Foley
54	1887	122	30	2043	Oquawka....	A. R. Newton....	G. E. Elfredge....	J. M. Titterington
55	1888	43	30	2015	Roseville....	A. R. Newton....	G. E. Elfredge....	J. T. Malcolin
56	1889	158	28	2027	Flymouth....	J. F. Foley.....	H. B. Waterman.	E. B. Dillard
57	1890	112	29	1936	Carllage....	S. Pickard.....	J. T. Malcolin....	A. H. Rhodes
58	1891	120	29	1875	Blandinsville.	S. Pickard.....	J. T. Malcolin....	V. B. Ingram
59	1892	120	28	1932	Rozetta.....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolin....	H. H. Depperman
60	1893	101	29	1948	St. Marys....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolin....	W. J. Sanborn
61	1894	149	27	2046	Roseville....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolin....	R. J. Church
62	1895	138	28	2041	Littleton....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolin....	S. A. Douglas
63	1896	157	28	2132	Macomb.....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolin....	G. W. Shadwick
64	1897	97	28	2236	Union.....	Alex McLean....	R. M. Wood.....	W. W. Morgan
65	1898	138	28	2221	Raritan.....	Alex McLean....	R. M. Wood.....	F. P. Douglas
66	1899	67	28	2237	Blandinsville.	Alex McLean....	H. Weddington....	F. P. Douglas

CHURCHES AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION	Membership						Sunday School				Church Property				Church and S. S. Finance				Contributions for All Benevolent Objects																												
	Increase		Decrease		Total	Non-resident	No. of Schools Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Av. Attendance	Bap. from S. S.	Value of Church Edifice	Value of other Property	Total Value of Property	Debt	Current Expenses	Printing Minutes	S S Expense	Total	State Missions	American Bap- tist Home Mis- sion Society	Women's B. H. M. Society	American Bap- tist Foreign Mis- sion Society	Women's B. F. M. Society	Publication Society	Christian Education	Aged Ministers' Home	Other Objects	Total for Benevolence	Grand Total for all objects																		
	Baptism Letter	Experience or Restoration	Letter	Exclusion or Erasure																										Death																	
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Church Pastors and Date of Settlement.

Adair—H. F. Jones, July 1910, (1)
 Basco—H. F. Jones, 1910 (1)
 Bethel—
 Blandinsville—J. C. Oranger, Nov. 1906.
 Bushnell—Chas. A. Rice, Aug. 1908.
 Carthage—T. H. Boggess, Aug. 1908.
 Cedar Creek—P. H. Haney, Oct. 1910
 Colchester—P. H. Haney, Oct. 1910
 Elvaston—H. F. Jones, Jan. 1910, (1)
 Hickory Grove—H. F. Jones, Dec. 1909 (1)
 Littleton—H. S. Morrell, Feb. 1910.
 Lee—Chas. A. Rice, 1909 1
 Macomb—
 Oquawka—John M. Jones, May 1909 (4)
 Plymouth—H. F. Bueker, Mar. 1910.
 Raritan—C. L. Flanders, June 1910.
 Roseville—John S. Scott, Sept. 1910.
 Rozetta—J. S. Walls, Aug. 1910 (5)
 Sciota—H. F. Jones, Mar. 1910 (1)
 St. Marys—E. L. Barkley, July 1910 (7)
 Tennessee—H. F. Jones, 1908 (1)

Church Clerks and Post Offices.

Adair—T. G. Miner.
 Basco—W. H. Dameron,
 Bethel—Agnes Hatfield (1)
 Blandinsville—Mrs. Lizzie Ebelsizer.
 Bushnell—John Worden (2)1
 Carthage—Marilla Cannon.
 Cedar Creek—Jos. I. Thompson (1).
 Colchester—Mrs. Ollie R. Stookey.
 Elvaston—Mrs. Daisy Duncan.
 Hickory Grove—Ralph L. Brown (3)
 Littleton—Miss Nina Snyder.
 Lee—
 Macomb—Mrs. Thos. Eddy.
 Oquawka—Lena Schlatter.
 Plymouth—D. M. Parks.
 Raritan—Edwin Voorhees.
 Roseville—Josephine M. Pratt.
 Rozetta—M. H. Allaman (6).
 Sciota—Mrs. M. J. Litchfield.
 St. Marys—O. B. Turner (7).
 Tennessee—Mrs. Jennie Martin.

Sunday School Superintendents.

Adair—
 Basco—Mrs. J. Davidson.
 Bethel—C. W. Hatfield (1)
 Blandinsville—E. E. Voorhees.
 Bushnell—S. E. Arnold.
 Carthage—S. R. Parker. Ira Powell.
 Cedar Creek—Will Barry (1)
 Colchester—M. L. Hunt.
 Elvaston—Thos. Garvey.
 Hickory Grove—Ira Wright (3)
 Littleton—S. E. Elliott.
 Lee—
 Macomb—Mrs. D. H. McGillivray.
 Oquawka—Miss Matie Yerger.
 Plymouth—D. M. Parks.
 Raritan—C. E. Perrine.
 Roseville—Lydney Wilkison.
 Rozetta—F. W. Smith (6).
 Sciota—Mrs. M. J. Litchfield.
 St. Marys—A. M. Shelor (7).
 Tennessee—M. D. Martin.

Minister not Pastors.

Littleton—J. C. Conway, Rushville.
 F. Clyde Misner, Licentiate and student.
 Rozetta—Warren J. Smith, Little York.
 Blandinsville—Robert Purdy, Licentiate and student.
 Macomb—D. H. McGillivray.

*Including parsonage

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Post office addresses—1, Colchester; 2, Prairie City; 3, Table Grove; 4, Aledo; 5, Kirkwood; 6, Oquawka; 7, Plymouth.

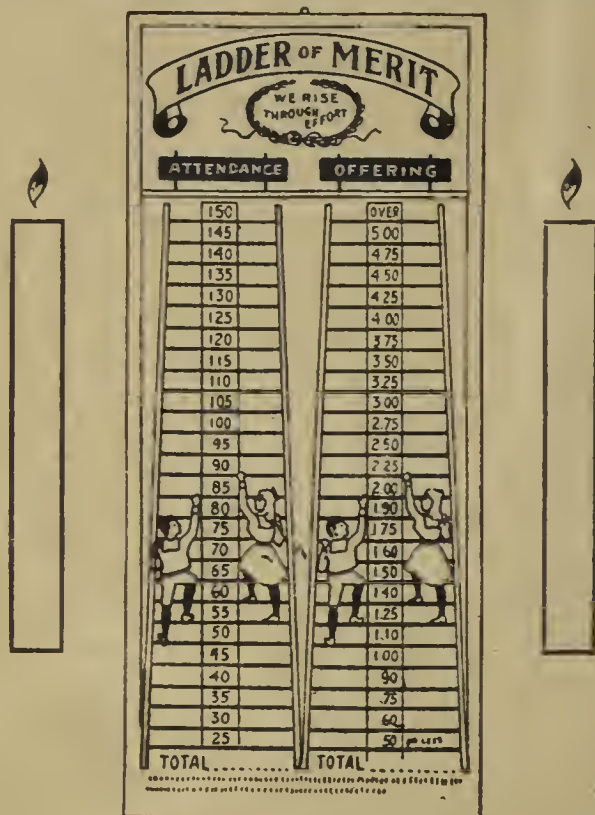
Associational Record

Anniversary.	Year	Baptized	Churches	Members	Where Held	Moderator	Clerk	Preachers
1	1834	22	9	181	New Hope....	John Logan.....	D. Lenox.....	Joel Sweet
2	1835	17	12	217	Centerville....	John Logan.....	D. Lenox.....	John Clark
3	1836	8	14	256	Concord.....	John Logan.....	D. Lenox.....	John Logan
4	1837	28	16	374	New Hope....	Ezra Fisher.....	J. Parks.....	B. M. Park
5	1838	12	16	314	Warsaw.....	Ezra Fisher.....	S. C. Thompson...	Ezra Fisher
6	1839	38	16	291	Pyson.....	Ezra Fisher.....	Robert Kay.....	Norman Parks
7	1840	22	7	184	Cedar Fork...	John Logan.....	James Tucker.....	John Logan
8	1841	27	7	200	New Hope....	J. D. Newell.....	James Tucker.....	J. D. Newell
9	1842	31	7	205	Littleton.....	John Logan.....	James Tucker.....	John Logan
10	1843	39	10	377	Berwick.....	John Logan.....	B. C. Hord.....	Thos. Holman
11	1844	68	10	446	Carthage.....	J. Hovey.....	B. C. Coghill.....	J. Hovey
12	1845	17	10	448	Oxford.....	John Logan.....	B. C. Coghill.....	Joseph Botts
13	1846	22	10	489	Monmouth....	J. Hovey.....	B. C. Hord.....	Jacob Bowers
14	1847	27	10	500	New Boston..	E. Miner.....	T. Holeman.....	E. Miner
15	1848	45	11	554	Bethel.....	Joel Sweet.....	James Tucker.....	A. Gross
16	1849	50	13	593	Berwick.....	Joel Sweet.....	James Tucker.....	R. Weston
17	1850	34	15	644	Fall Creek....	Joseph Botts....	James Tucker.....	J. Tower
18	1851	49	15	710	New Hope....	Jacob Bowers...	James Tucker.....	W. T. Bly
19	1852	38	18	809	Union.....	Joseph Elliott...	W. T. Bly.....	Tom Camp
20	1853	68	19	807	Lee.....	Joseph Elliott...	W. T. Bly.....	Joseph Elliott
21	1854	136	23	963	St. Marys....	R. Newton.....	James Tucker.....	J. K. Berry
22	1855	97	25	1123	Mt. Pleasant..	R. Newton.....	B. C. Coghill.....	R. Newton
23	1856	105	25	1063	Monmouth....	W. F. Forest....	B. C. Coghill.....	W. F. Forest
24	1857	46	27	980	Berwick.....	W. F. Forest....	B. C. Coghill.....	Anson Tucker
25	1858	113	27	1151	Hill'sboro....	W. F. Forest....	B. C. Coghill.....	H. S. P. Warren
26	1859	78	28	1001	Fall Creek....	W. F. Forest....	B. C. Coghill.....	S. P. Ives
27	1860	138	25	1048	Independence.	D. W. Litchfield	E. Mitchell.....	H. S. P. Warren
28	1861	83	25	1131	Plymouth.....	W. F. Forest....	E. Mitchell.....	W. F. Forest
29	1862	155	25	2186	Prairie City..	J. O. Metcalf....	P. P. Shirley.....	D. B. Gunn
30	1863	112	25	1570	Blandinsville.	J. O. Metcalf....	R. L. Colwell....	W. R. Welsh
31	1864	72	26	1515	Carhage.....	J. O. Metcalf....	J. Elliott.....	H. H. Parks
32	1865	117	22	1592	Roseville.....	Norman Parks...	J. Elliott.....	J. O. Metcalf
33	1866	114	23	1456	Fall Creek....	W. R. Welch....	B. C. Coghill.....	H. H. Northrup
34	1867	80	23	1452	Union.....	A. Jones.....	J. E. Bosler.....	C. A. Hewett
35	1868	100	23	1455	St. Marys....	Norman Parks...	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
36	1869	157	24	1355	Raritan.....	J. L. Benedict...	J. E. Bosler.....	J. L. Benedict
37	1870	168	24	1578	Macomb.....	L. Osborne.....	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
38	1871	34	24	1428	Oquawka.....	J. L. Benedict...	J. E. Bosler.....	E. Russ
39	1872	204	23	1756	Blandinsville..	L. N. Hill.....	J. E. Bosler.....	N. Kinnie
40	1873	145	26	1955	Bushnell.....	N. Kinnie.....	J. E. Bosler.....	L. Osborne
41	1874	258	28	2229	Sciota.....	J. M. Harington.	J. H. Delano.....	H. H. Parks
42	1875	231	27	2376	Roseville.....	Alex McLean....	J. H. Delano.....	S. H. D. Vaughan
43	1876	242	27	2494	Macomb.....	Alex McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	I. M. Hobart
44	1877	266	30	2553	Fall Creek....	Alex McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	Norman Parks
45	1878	78	32	2576	Carthage.....	Alex McLean....	G. D. Kent.....	E. C. Cady
46	1879	58	31	2500	Union.....	S. J. McCormick.	G. D. Kent.....	W. D. Clark
47	1880	78	32	2500	St. Marys....	S. J. McCormick.	G. D. Kent.....	J. C. Hart
48	1881	58	30	2084	Blandinsville..	E. C. Cady.....	E. Rodgers.....	Win. Swinden
49	1882	88	30	2150	Littleton.....	Alex McLean....	E. Rodgers.....	J. E. Todd
50	1883	100	27	2089	Bethel.....	Alex McLean....	J. W. Saunders...	R. C. Ray
51	1884	99	27	2010	Bushnell.....	Alex McLean....	A. R. Newton....	I. C. Fallis
52	1885	57	28	1827	Sciota.....	Alex McLean....	A. R. Newton....	J. W. Saunders
53	1886	117	29	2146	Macomb.....	Alex McLean....	A. R. Newton....	J. H. Delano
54	1887	122	30	2093	Oquawka.....	A. R. Newton....	G. E. Eldredge...	J. F. Foley
55	1888	43	30	2015	Roseville.....	A. R. Newton....	G. E. Eldredge...	J. M. Titterington
56	1889	158	28	2027	Plymouth.....	J. F. Foley.....	H. B. Waterman.	J. T. Malcolm
57	1890	112	29	1936	Carthage.....	S. Pickard.....	J. T. Malcolm....	E. B. Dillard
58	1891	120	29	1875	Blandinsville..	S. Pickard.....	J. T. Malcolm....	A. H. Rhodes
59	1892	129	28	1932	Rozetta.....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolm....	V. B. Ingram
60	1893	101	29	1948	St. Marys....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolm....	H. H. Depperman
61	1894	146	27	2046	Roseville.....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolm....	W. J. Sanborn
62	1895	138	28	2041	Littleton.....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolm....	R. J. Church
63	1896	157	28	2132	Macomb.....	Alex McLean....	J. T. Malcolm....	S. A. Douglas
64	1897	97	28	2236	Union.....	Alex McLean....	R. M. Wood.....	G. W. Shadwick
65	1898	138	28	2221	Raritan.....	Alex McLean....	R. M. Wood.....	W. W. Morgan
66	1899	67	28	2237	Blandinsville..	Alex McLean....	H. Weddington...	F. P. Douglas
67	1900	89	27	2227	Bethel.....	Alex McLean....	H. Weddington...	O. J. Terrell
68	1901	100	27	2261	Carthage.....	Alex McLean....	J. C. Conway.....	W. T. Richardson
69	1902	61	26	2229	Roseville.....	O. J. Terrell....	J. C. Conway.....	T. S. Evans
70	1903	72	26	2192	Rozetta.....	O. J. Terrell....	J. O. Slyter.....	Arthur J. Hurley
71	1904	106	27	2095	St. Marys....	O. J. Terrell....	C. L. Ogden.....	J. O. Slyter
72	1905	181	27	2194	Blandinsville..	O. J. Terrell....	Irma O. Mason...	C. A. Ehrhardt
73	1906	134	27	2397	Bushnell.....	O. J. Terrell....	C. L. Flanders....	S. G. Anderson
74	1907	70	24	2319	Littleton.....	C. L. Flanders...	W. D. Johnston...	B. F. Tilley
75	1908	144	23	2382	Macomb.....	C. L. Flanders...	W. D. Johnston...	W. P. Osgood
76	1909	61	23	2259	St. Marys....	C. L. Flanders...	W. D. Johnston...	C. L. Flanders
77	1910	126	21	2361	Raritan.....	J. Clark Oranger	C. L. Flanders....	T. H. Boggess John M. Jones

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